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## BRIEFS

## Visiting artists series

Sculptor John Richardson will continue Northwest's Visiting Artists Series beginning Monday.

Richardson will present a lecture and slideshow at 7 p.m. in room 244 of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

His work will be displayed until Friday, Nov. 2.

Richardson is an associate professor at Wayne State University in Detroit.

## Parade deadline approaching

The deadline for submitting entries for the 2007 Homecoming Parade is 5 p.m. Friday to the Campus Activities Office.

The parade will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 on campus.

This year's theme is "Bobby Goes Around the World." Non-campus entries will cost \$25.

Applications and other homecoming information are available at [NWmissouri.edu/campusactivities/homecoming](http://NWmissouri.edu/campusactivities/homecoming).

## CALENDAR

## Thursday

Mock Interview Day

Women's Golf at William Jewell Invitational

SMSTA meeting

Late Night at the Union: Poker Night, 9 p.m.

## Friday

Women's Golf at William Jewell Invitational

Volleyball at Washburn Fall Classic

## Saturday

Alumni Tailgate at Arrowhead Stadium

Fall Classic VI: Football vs. Pittsburg State, 2 p.m., Arrowhead Stadium

Volleyball at Fort Hays State

## Sunday

Soccer vs. Truman State University, 2 p.m.

Bearcat Marching Band Showcase, 3 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

## Monday

Midterm Exams

Student Senate blood drive, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom

John Richardson Sculpture exhibit opens, Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building gallery

Richardson slide lecture, 7 p.m., Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

## Tuesday

Volleyball vs. Emporia State, 7 p.m.

Mysoon Rizk sculpture lecture, 7 p.m., Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

## Wednesday

PRSSA meeting, 5 p.m.

## Thursday

K.I.D.S. meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

Late Night at the Union: Spa Night, 9 p.m.

## WEB EXCLUSIVES

Daily updates as the Bearcats prepare to face off against Pittsburg State.

Fall Classic recap online directly following the game.

Periodic updates online during gametime.

Game recap of Maryville's contest against Platte County.

Look for a complete behind the scenes video package, Sunday evening, of Northwest's game against Pittsburg State.

Challenge sports staff game picks online, winner will be featured in next weeks Northwest Missourian.

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## FAMILY DAY

## Thompsons named Northwest's Family of the Year

By Lisa Houtchens  
Missourian Reporter

All five Thompsons are Bearcats. The Maryville family was announced as this year's Family of the Year Saturday.

The Thompson family has strong ties to the University. Parents Patricia and Steve, have both graduated from Northwest. Patricia is a middle school advisement coordinator at Brown Hall and was also a teacher there for 10 years. Steve is the superintendent at the Union Star School in Union, Mo.

Their children, Kerry, Casey and

Krista attended Horace Mann Laboratory School, and are now Northwest students.

Kerry is currently working on her masters of business administration, Casey is majoring in business management and Krista is deciding on a major, but is looking into biological psychology and is enrolled in classes for corporate recreation and wellness.

"I really don't know what I want to do though," Krista said.

Sophomore Krista applied for Family of the Year online along with 18 other students to be honored.

"I submitted the application because

my mom always wanted one of us to apply," Krista said.

Krista is member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and works in the Registrars Office.

The Thompson family was recognized during the Bearcat Zone tailgate and the halftime show of the Southwest Baptist game.

Families are chosen because they have a connection to the University, Admissions Associate Director Jeremy Waldeier said.

Applicants must be an undergraduate and must submit an application, he said. With the win comes a \$750 scholarship.



THE THOMPSON family was awarded the 2007 Family of the Year award during halftime of Saturday's football game.

## BYE BYE BOBBY BEARCAT



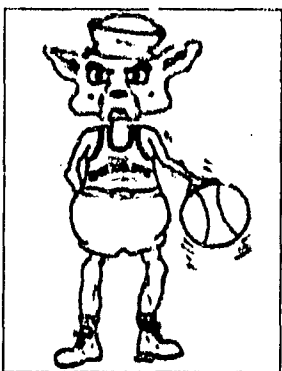
Bobby Bearcat logo used in 1930



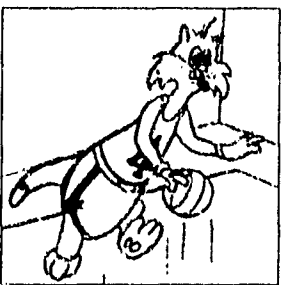
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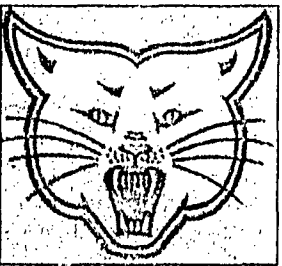
Bobby Bearcat logo used in 1942



Bobby Bearcat logo used in 1945



Bobby Bearcat logo used in 1959



Bobby Bearcat logo used in 1959

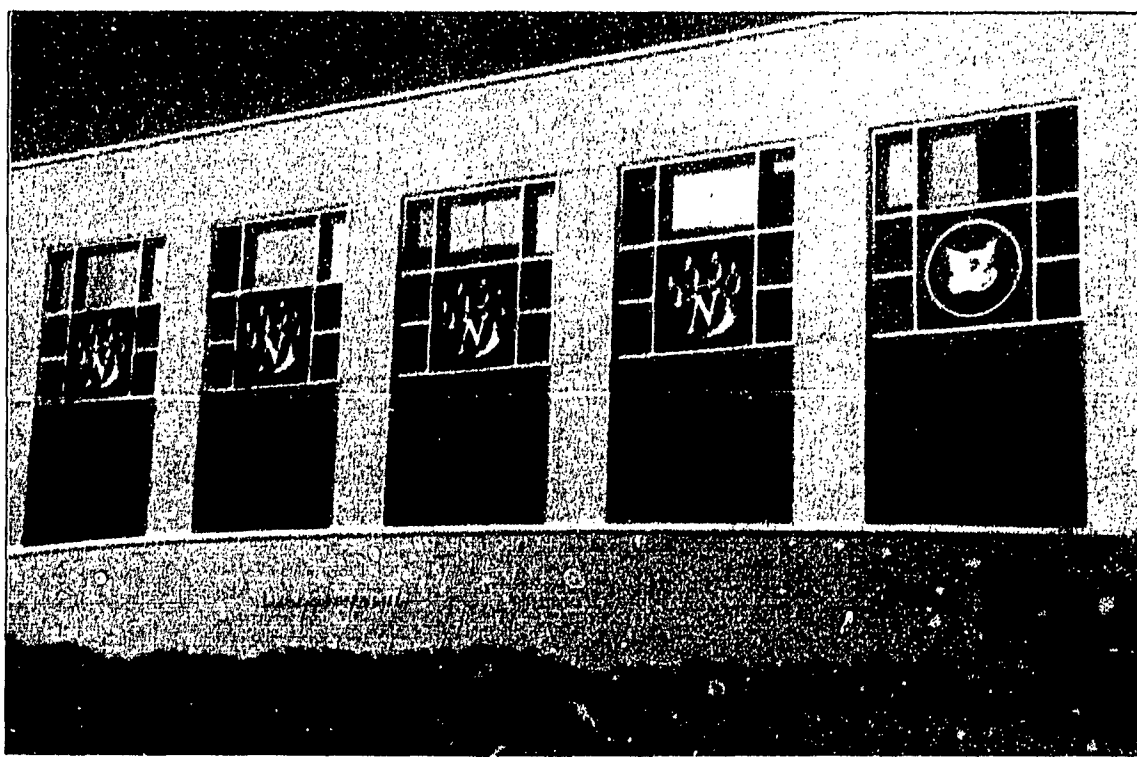


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FOUR OF FIVE logos have been replaced on the facade of Bearcat arena. The fifth logo was stolen after it was left in the arena lobby.

## University phasing out Bearcat logo, focusing promotions on paw

By Dominic Genetti  
Senior Reporter

After 91 years as the symbol of Northwest, the bearcat is being phased out and will soon become nothing more than a costume.

In order to focus on promoting the logo bearing a large "N" on a bearcat paw, athletic department officials have decided to do away with the Bobby Bearcat logo that shows him ready to fight and wearing a sweatshirt.

The mascot will still appear at athletic and special events.

"For there to be so much pride and everything into Northwest, we want our logo to be represented in the correct way," said Morris White, athletic marketing, promotions and licensing director.

Phasing out the bearcat logo gradually began last year, but has steadily increased.

White said phasing out the Bobby Bearcat logo eliminates confusion over the primary logo for Northwest athletics.

"Since everyone who are fans or alumni and people who know Northwest, the one thing that they think of is the paw, even though Bobby is an athletic symbol as well," White said. "The paw is the most recognizable thing when you talk about athletics or not."

Next to the paw, the athletic department is looking to use actual photos of the Bobby Bearcat mascot to promote University sports.

"Over time we've been able to take photos of our mascot, Bobby Bearcat, and be able to utilize that in a lot of promotional materials, billboards and things of that nature," Athletics Director Bob Boerigter said. "We want



Most recent use of Bearcat logo

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC Department, officials are phasing out the Bobby Bearcat caricature, putting main focus on the paw bearing the "N".

For more information about Bobby Bearcat and Roberta Bearkitten visit us at...

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## UNIVERSITY AWARD

## Northwest cites flaws in Baldrige program

By Evan Young  
Managing Editor

Inconsistent, inaccurate feedback and an overall "out of control" examination process don't exactly sound like qualities of a prestigious award program.

But University officials are leveling these criticisms at the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award program after it learned Northwest was no longer up for the prize Sept. 19.

Created by Congress in 1987, the Baldrige Award is a presidential honor given to U.S. businesses in different categories that excel in seven quality and performance areas.

Including this year, the University has applied for the award six consecutive times since the program piloted the "education" category in 1999. However, it has yet to win.

The administration's problem is not with the award criteria but with the judging, scoring and subsequent feedback reports, Northwest President Dean Hubbard said.

"They do things that for the life of me I can't figure out why they do them," he said.

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## SENATE BILL 389

## Public instructor rating criteria might help, might hurt

By Sean Comer  
Community News Editor

Provisions of a Missouri State Senate bill have instructors including those at Northwest wondering how much students and parents ought to know.

Senate Bill 389, passed last session, includes a provision requiring Missouri's public higher education institutions publicly rate instructors and make certain instructor evaluations and course data available online. Missouri could become the first state in the country to make such information available online, said Northwest Provost Kichoon Yang and Faculty Senate President-Elect Doug Sudhoff.

The Missouri General Assembly approved the measure to hold institutions accountable for quality, said Sen. Brad Lager.

"Many of us in the General Assembly believe that the consumer process must take place in higher education," Lager said. "This is what the service is

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## HUMANE SOCIETY

## City financial support not enough to cover high operating costs

By Erin Loges  
Missourian Reporter

Birthday parties, calendars and biannual luncheons may in general not have a lot in common, but for the New Nodaway Humane Society, these projects are what keep the flame alive.

The humane society has a contract with Maryville that provides for nearly half of their costs.

However, the shelter is usually short on operating funds, shelter manager Cindy Nelson said.

"We have to raise \$6,000 every month beyond our city contract," Nelson said.

The costs of running the shelter come mostly from state requirements. Missouri requires a certain level of cleanliness and space for the animals. The shelter also must keep the temperature at a specific level, provide medical

care, keep records and hire qualified employees.

"We have to have certain operating standards to maintain our state license," Nelson said.

The shelter raises money in various ways. Nodaway County donates a little over \$600 every month, but the rest comes from fund-raising.

One idea being developed is selling breeders' licenses. This is still being researched, said Pat Cummings, city council member.

The sale of breeders' licenses would profit the animal shelter and help eliminate "puppy mills" in the area.

A "puppy mill" is an unauthorized commercial breeder who raises hundreds of dogs in their backyard. The dogs are usually not properly

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photo by seah cook | contributing photographer

A PLAYFUL CAT chews on a toy provided by donors and fund-raisers to the New Nodaway Humane Society. The shelter is battling with a shortage of funds each month the shelter has to raise \$6,000 beyond what the city provides.



CAMPUS BRIEFS

## NAAA to host Friday Night Cat Fights

The Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness will hold Friday Night Cat Fights at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The event is a pillow fight tournament for girls. Teams will consist of a pillow fighter and an entourage consisting of three trainers and a corner coach. Teams cost \$10, and admission is \$1 for spectators. Proceeds will go toward Campus Cats, a feral cat program.

For more information e-mail NWAA07@nwmissouri.edu.

## Big band fund-raiser dance held soon

Kappa Kappa Psi, the Northwest Chapter will hold a big band dance from 7:30 to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The dance will raise money for the Bearcat Marching Band's trip to London so it can march in the London New Year's Parade.

Tickets cost \$6 per person and \$10 per couple and can be picked up at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building and the music department office in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

## Student Senate to hold blood drive

The Northwest Student Senate will hold its annual blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Appointments can be made by going to Esaveallennow.org and using "nwmsu" as the sponsor code or contacting Erin Holm in the Student Senate Office at 562-1218.

Photo identification must be presented at the time of appointment.

## Marching band to hold third showcase

The Bearcat Marching Band will hold its third annual showcase at 3 p.m., Sunday, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The event will feature selections the band has played this year. Admission is free and open to the public.

THEATRE NORTHWEST

## John Brown's Body cast finds love of theater

By Kelsi Jo Franklin  
Missourian Reporter

Obsession is one way to describe the passion 15 students participating in the adaptation of the Civil War epic "John Brown's Body" feel for theater.

"I've got the theater in my blood," junior Brett Borden said.

The first Mainstage production of 2007-08 was set in a reader's theater format and directed by communication, theatre and language Professor Theo Ross. The epic poem presented a unique style, compared to typical productions. The cast members carried their scripts with them on stage. They were not to read from, though, they used as onstage props, like Civil War guns or fans.

"This performance centered around interpretation and focused on dramatics," freshman Chelsea Nett said.

Nett played the role of Lucy, a self-absorbed southern lady who

served as the light, comic relief of the production. As a freshman, she was apprehensive at the beginning, but was pleased with how it all came together, she said.

Borden, one of the two transfer students and narrators in the production, said the preparation was similar to Iowa Western Community College where he previously attended. He found the Northwest theater community welcoming and enjoyable.

"The production was a great segue into the Northwest Missouri State University family," Borden said.

A close-knit bond was quickly made between the 15 cast members during the three to four hours a day they spent together at practice. The auditions and practice began the first week of September. There were only a few short weeks to put the entire production together.

The amount of time spent practicing was a change from high school performances for freshman Keaton

Schmidt. In "John Brown's Body" he played the role of Jack Elliot, a northern Civil War soldier.

"All of the practices and preparation techniques were so professional compared to high school productions," Schmidt said.

The structure of short, focused practices obviously paid off. "Everyone was on their top game and we got a lot of positive feedback," Schmidt said. "It makes me pumped for the next performances."

Some of the performers in "John Brown's Body" are already moving on to the next production. Nett finished the performances on Sunday and began practice for "Ash Girl," another Northwest performance, the next day. She enjoys every minute of theater, Nett said.

Many of these cast members feel the same as Nett about theater and performing.

"I just can't get enough," Borden said.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



BRANDY (left) AND BRYCE Carson (right) enjoyed the inflatable provided by the Army National Guard during the Family Day barbecue.

## Hypnotist dazzles students

Wand brings magic to Family Weekend

Lindsay Jacobs  
University News Editor

Last Friday students and some parents were passionately kissing, microphone stands, acting like Elvis and Shania Twain and receding in horror from a balloon pit bull.

However, they weren't doing this consciously, it was all under the command of hypnotist Jim Wand.

Wand made his 24th appearance at Northwest since the mid 1980s. This was his first appearance for Family Weekend, said Student Activities Council Graduate Assistant Sarah Smith.

The event was sponsored by SAC and brought in about 400 people, Smith said.

SAC Lecture Chair Wesley Miller

was one of the volunteers hypnotized by Wand. Miller was skeptical about hypnosis before Friday night.

"I was never a believer in being hypnotized or anything of that sort," Miller said.

Once he woke up, Miller remembered two things after he regained awareness: sunshine and the song "S.O.S." by Rihanna. His friends told him at one point he was relaxing under the sun, and he danced to the song.

If given the opportunity again, Miller would be hypnotized again but would like to observe the next time he attends a hypnotist.

"I think next time I would want to set out to see what people do," Miller said.

Wand could return to Northwest in the spring, Smith said.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

## Sullivan shatters conservative labels

By Katie Charczuk  
Missourian Reporter

Andrew Sullivan finds himself in many stereotypical boxes: he's openly gay, Catholic and conservative.

Sullivan spoke Monday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series.

The Distinguished Lecture Series gives students the opportunity to hear diverse lectures from important authorities who impact the world students live in, said Richard Fruchtl, history, humanities, philosophy and political science department chair.

Sullivan asked the audience to rethink what they know about the label of conservatism. A proud conservative, Sullivan wants to encourage his audience to think about the boxes of stereotypes.

"Labels are the beginning, not the end, of understanding somebody," Sullivan said.

Sullivan is not what some people think conservatives are today.

"I hope that encourages people to think about these labels and realize that they may be more complicated than they might have thought," Sullivan said.

Sullivan presented the traditional thoughts of conservatism based on faith. He proposed the idea that conservatism throughout history has been based on



photo by jeremiah wall | staff photographer

ANDREW SULLIVAN discussed ideas on conservatism and government in today's political world.

doubt.

"Doubt is the central pillar of conservatism," Sullivan said.

Northwest student Matt Richardson attended the lecture and praised it for being "perfectly pointed" and "refreshing."

On Monday afternoon, Sullivan met with 20 students and faculty members in the J.W. Jones Student Union to visit with them and answer questions. He enjoys holding these meetings with students.

"It helps break the ice and it helps me get a feel for the people you're going to be talking to," Sullivan said.

Students asked him questions for more than an hour on the war in Iraq, the government's decision to go to war and his political ideas on how things can change and who can change them.

"People asked the right questions, the hard questions like, what do you think we should do in Iraq now or do you think they misled us in the case for war. Those two questions are very simple questions, but very, very difficult questions and to be forced to answer them right there is a good thing for anybody in public life," Sullivan said.

NORTHWEST AUTHORS

## Library director Frizzell writes book about German immigrants

By Shane Sherwood  
Chief Reporter

Even though he didn't have the strength and the stamina for farm work, he tried his hardest.

Robert Frizzell grew up on a farm and now works as the Northwest libraries director. He enjoys history, and Frizzell recently wrote a book about German immigrants: A Settlement of Hanoverian Germans in Western Missouri.

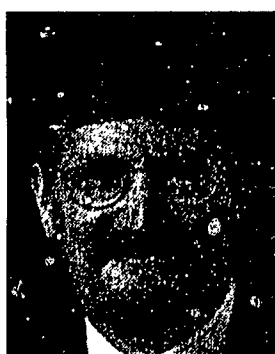
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Frizzell was also one of the last generations of men drafted into the military, Frizzell also said. He was almost drafted into the Vietnam War, but he was doing office work.

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THE NEW NODAWAY Humane Society is consistently short on operating funds. Costs to maintain Missouri standards set on the shelter for cleanliness and space require \$6,000 beyond what the city provides. See A1 for article on funding for the New Nodaway Humane Society.

WIND ENERGY

## Wind farms to change energy standards

By Micheal Clements  
Missourian Reporter

A Chinese proverb says, "when the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills."

Wind-farm construction in Nodaway County could change how northwest Missouri sees energy.

The St. Louis-based Wind Capital Group are constructing 24 wind-driven turbines near Conception in Nodaway County. Wind turbines will help area townships through taxes, Nodaway County Commissioner Bob Stiens said. Wind Capital Group has proposed three to four more locations, he said.

The towers near Conception Junction, Mo. are in the construction phase and should be completed in December, construction manager David White said.

Tom Carnahan is President and founder of Wind Capital Group. Wind Capital targets northwest Missouri for its ample amount of winds, Carnahan said.

"I chose northwest Missouri for a couple of reasons," Carnahan said. "The people have been very enthusiastic and we want to do more. Over time, renewable energy will cheapen energy bills because wind is free," Carnahan said.

The company has invested over \$200,000,000 in northwest Missouri, according to Windcapitalgroup.com. Each wind turbine cost around \$2,000,000, Carnahan said. The wind farms will bring added tax revenue to the county.

"They will bring in about \$500,000 to the townships, school districts and volunteer fire departments," Stiens said.

Final terms with landowners vary from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year for each turbine, Carnahan said. Turbines can run 20 years before needing updated.

Wind Capital has proposed 25-year leases to landowners and will provide maintenance crews for repairs, Stiens said.

The turbines stand over 240 feet with 120-foot blades. Longer blades equal more efficiency, Carnahan said.

The electricity made by turbines is sold to Missouri rural cooperatives. One turbine can power 600 to 700 homes, Carnahan said.

A nine-mile per hour wind speed will produce electricity. The turbines produce a total of 50 megawatts of electricity, according to Windcapitalgroup.com.

Another wind farm project near Rock Port will supply 100% of the power for the town needs once the project will be completed near the city. The city will buy power from the turbines through the Missouri Joint Municipal Group, Carnahan said.

"The percent of renewable energy is on the rise in rural America," Carnahan said. "Still we will see coal and gas power for most of our lifetimes. Wind power is just one of many different types of renewable energy."

"We are going to keep building projects and as long as the people of northwest Missouri want us there and we will continue to work on projects that make sense for the community," Carnahan said.

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FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

## Art festival a big hit over weekend



JAVIER GONZALEZ, a caricature artist, was a crowd favorite throughout the festival. Live music and food were served as onlookers viewed samples of different art mediums featured at the festival.

## Family Weekend draws extended crowd to downtown activities

By Kenny Larabee  
Missourian Reporter

There was a festive mood in downtown Maryville over the weekend as area residents and visiting parents were treated to fine art, food and live music at the Maryville Festival of the Arts.

The festival featured a wide range of art. Watercolor paintings, pottery, hand weaving and homemade crafts were just a small sampling of the mediums on display.

Lisa Luke, Maryville Chamber of Commerce executive director, was excited about how the event went.

"I'm just really thrilled with the quality artwork we've had here," Luke said. "We're very happy with how the setup's gone. The artists have been great to work with," Luke said.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce organized the event along with the help of several local sponsors and volunteers.

The festival was moved to Third Street between Main and Buchanan this year

because of construction on the town square, but few people seemed to mind.

"I think it's wonderful," Barbara Nelson said of the festival.

Nelson was on hand displaying her pottery and was especially appreciative of all the work put in behind the scenes.

"It's a total community effort," Nelson said. "And it's a wonderful venue for educating the community and exposing the children to the art."

The Chamber also hired a magician, Monty Stratton, to walk around among the crowd and perform magic tricks.

One person especially surprised by the abilities of Stratton was Northwest Mass Communications Assistant Professor Doug Sudhoff.

While entertaining the crowd with a card trick Stratton somehow had removed Sudhoff's wrist watch without Sudhoff even realizing it. When Stratton produced the watch from his coat pocket, Sudhoff was amazed.

"I had no clue that my watch was off my wrist," Sudhoff said. "All of a sudden he hands me my watch. Just incredible."

Another booth allowed guests to have their caricatures drawn. Javier Gonzalez of Big Smile Caricatures attracted a large number of volunteers willing to sit down for the artist, including a large group of Northwest students.

Hikaru Sato said that having his caricature drawn made him a little nervous but added that the experience was exciting.

Betty Grace, an artist whose humorous drawings have appeared in the *Missouri Conservationist* for nearly 22 years, liked that the festival coincided with Northwest Family Weekend 2007.

"It gives parents and kids something special to walk around and see," Grace said.

Suzanne Von Behren, Maryville Chamber of Commerce membership services coordinator, said the event had gone well and also liked that the event coincided with Family Weekend.

"It shows them a snapshot of Maryville and all it has to offer, and it allows them, the visitors, to see what we already know, and that is that we live in a great community," Von Behren said.

MARYVILLE ZONING

## Zoning debate expands down Maryville's Main Street

By Sean Comer  
Community News Editor

Bill Ingels began his recent pursuit of zoning reform with 8.8 acres bordering several of his own lots. Now, the issue could expand down Main Street.

Ingels, a Maryville developer, will join Maryville city councilman Michael Thompson in researching solutions to the zoning and building issues of two other tracts in south Maryville. Ingels has advocated annexation of "islands" of land within Maryville's city limits, but not part of Maryville, to create a uniform set of building standards in what he calls Maryville's "picture window" at the city entrance on Highway 71.

"What gets done right here, is the first impression that everybody has of Maryville," Ingels said from his office on Carefree Drive, which looks out onto one 8.8-acre island.

The island closest to Ingels consists of three adjoining lots next to Ingels' Lakewood Commons duplexes on South Mulberry.

Ingels owns one lot between the Ambulance Board building and another lot made up of 10 separate business lots.

Ingels plans to annex his lot to the city before moving forward with planning any construction. He speculates the Ambulance Board building will also eventually be annexed.

Ingels noted that the 10 lots bordering his duplexes were developed when regulations permitted them to receive city fire protection and water and sewer usage without being a part of the city of Maryville.

However, the lots do not fall into the Maryville police jurisdiction, nor do they receive snow removal services.

The second island lies on the opposite side of Maryville, just east of South Main Street. The island consists of four separate tracts.

The annexation of the northern-most tract is in process but the other three have yet to go forward with an annexation.

Ingels' concerns stem from the findings of a 2004 Community ID study of Maryville. The study identified the intersection of South Main Street and Carefree Drive as the southern-most axis for a study on Maryville's commercial demographics.

"Virtually every retailer that requests information wants it to be on that South Main corridor," said Nodaway County Economic Developer Lee Langerock.

The city will try to apply lessons learned in dealing with the construction of Village O Apartments, Thompson said. Street repairs along Village O Road have

been largely financed by homeowners in the past because the city had no responsibility to maintain the roads.

"What we're working on is trying to find that medium to medium (zoning) is just as effective when costs and codes are comparable enough, to where it's not a worry about annexation."

"That's what we're trying to work on now, is where it's not more appraising, if you will, to build outside the city limits rather than inside," Thompson said.

"Although we see that those codes won't be identical, but we need to come toward the center so there's some equity there."

Ingels and Thompson both said the issue of non-city islands requires further planning, research and communication to include the Polk Township Board. However, Ingels summed up his belief in Maryville's growth in three words.

"Quality breeds quality," Ingels said.

CITY BRIEFS

## St. Paul's to host Ramadan discussion

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host a special opportunity for discussion tonight.

The Soup and Social Issues group will gather to discuss and observe the Islamic holiday of Ramadan at 6:30 p.m. tonight at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The meeting will include dinner and discussion with members of Maryville's Muslim community. Dinner will begin shortly after 7 p.m. to observe the Ramadan's requirement of fasting until sundown.

Call Janice Falcone at 562-2147 or Mike Kyle at 582-0646 for more information.

## Lisa Montgomery trial begins today

The woman accused of a Skidmore, Mo. woman's murder goes to trial today.

Lisa Montgomery could face the death penalty if convicted of murdering Bobbie Jo Stinnett and kidnapping Stinnett's unborn daughter.

Montgomery could face the death penalty if convicted. Her defense lawyers have already filed an insanity plea suggesting Montgomery suffered from a disorder that made her falsely believe she was pregnant.

Check NWmissourianews.com Thursday evening for a recap of the trial's first day and throughout the trial for continuous coverage.

## Steins sentenced for molestation charges

A Maryville man will serve 30 years in prison for child molestation.

Kevin W. Steins received 15 years per count for one count of first-degree sodomy and one count of first-degree child molestation Monday.

Steins plead guilty to molesting a 14-year-old girl between December 20th and March 2007, according to a press release from Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird. Both the court and the victim's family approved the conditions of Steins's plea.

Steins' prosecution marks the second convicted child molester in a week sentenced to prison. Last week, Judge Roger Prokes sentenced Philip E. Wright of Maryville to 19 years in prison for molesting a 12-year-old girl and violation of his parole.

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OUR VIEW

# Say farewells to cartoon Bobby Bearcat

He's on your Bearcat card, maybe on your old Northwest T-shirts and, until recently, he was on Bearcat Arena's façade. But after 91 years, cartoon Bobby Bearcat is saying goodbye to Northwest, leaving a paw print or two behind.

The athletic department recently decided to do away with cartoon Bobby Bearcat, replacing him with actual photos of the mascot or the trademark paw print.

The mascot will still appear at athletic events but the familiar cartoon of Bobby in sweat-shirt getting ready to fight will soon be just a memory.

So far the athletic department has spent approximately \$600 replacing the Bobby Bearcat heads on Bearcat Arena's façade with paw prints.

While the costs to replace cartoon Bobby don't seem extreme, we at the Northwest Missourian can't help but feel a little sad to see the image, one of many that represented Northwest for 91 years, go.

As Northwest grew, adapted and rebuilt itself, so did cartoon Bobby from 1916 until present day.

In previous years Bobby was featured in the University's homecoming themes, like last year's "Bobby goes to the Big Apple." Although this year's theme is simply "Around the World," Athletic Director Bob Boerigter assures that the department's intent is not to cut Bobby out of the homecoming theme, but to change what logos the University uses when he is incorporated.

Although he will be absent from this year's homecoming theme we hope that Bobby, in paw print or photograph form, will return to be a part of next year's theme.

Even though the logo has changed slightly over time, 91 years is a long time for any logo to endure.

## MORE COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIANNEWS.COM

In response to "Democrats should put partisanship aside"

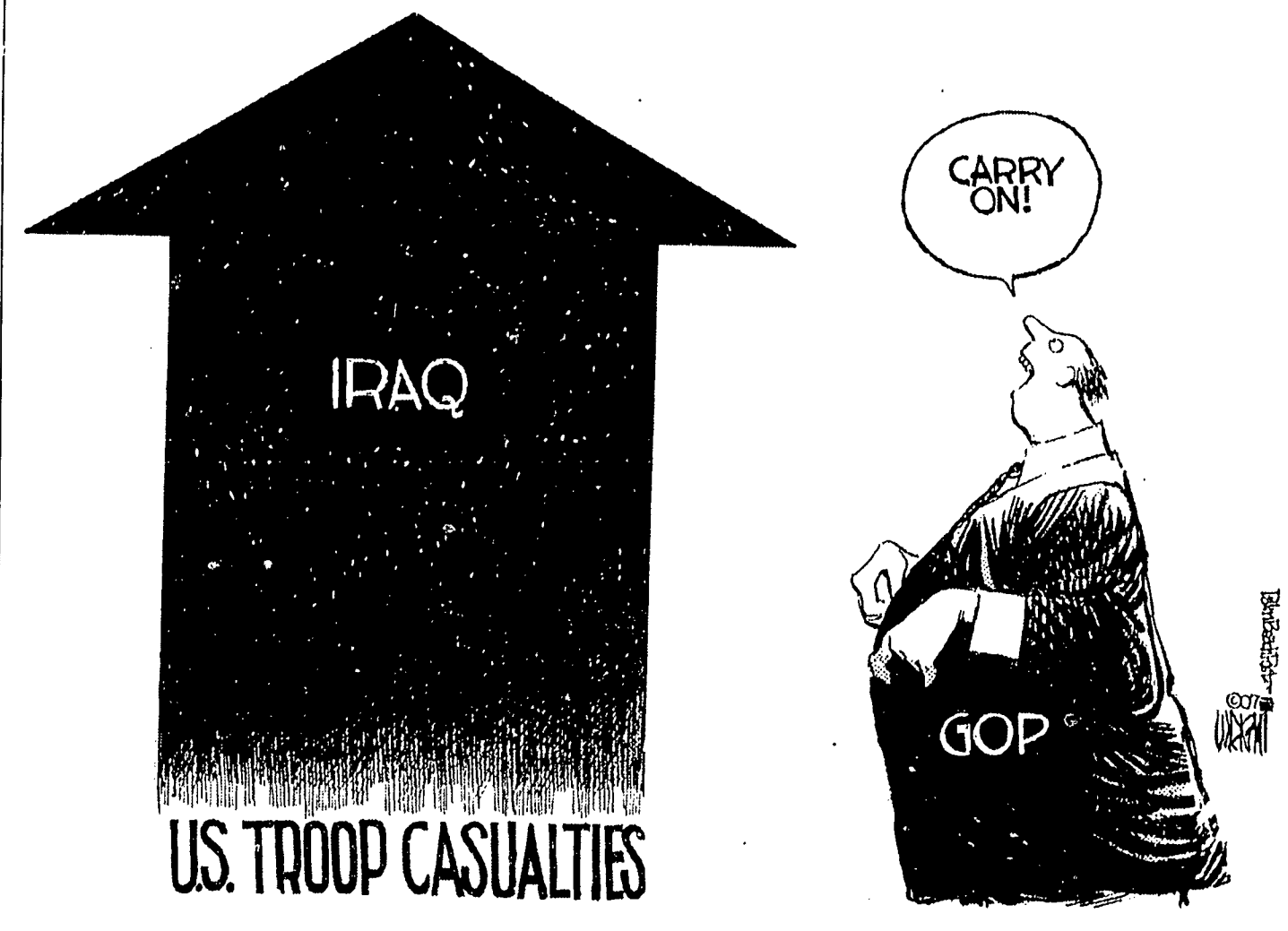
Marcus Dawson  
posted 9/26/07

Surprisingly, many of you seem to think that Kanger and York are against debating this issue. They simply stated that they think that the way in which Reed responded, by going on national television shortly after the president's speech, undermined the president. Yet the very next sentence of this article speaks about ways in which those who oppose to the president can voice their opinions. "Debate in the House and Senate all you want." This clearly shows that they are advocating a free exchange of ideas, not silencing anyone who disagrees with current policy. If not, please tell me where I could be wrong here. Next time you decide to attack the article, remember to know exactly what it says and not what you think or want to believe it says.

Secondly, I am still searching for this plan of the Democrats for Iraq. All I could find was threats to not provide troops with the appropriate equipment to carry out their mission. I find it interesting that some of you speak of plans from the Democrats but never elaborate on what it might be. Once you find out, be sure to let the Democrats know.

Another thing, when the president does in fact give a timetable for withdrawal, which is something that many Democrats have been advocating, people just seem to think that the president has only given an extension of dates. Dates are exactly what a timetable is. What else could the president do?

Just a couple more points. With an overabundance of question marks in one of the posts, I think I will add a couple of my own. What then is your definition of patriotism? Just speaking one's opinions regardless of time or place? I applaud Kanger and York for this article. When debating, think of the country first, not your party.



## MY VIEW

# Balance of power in question with war

The checks and balances system of the United States creates not just a separation of powers, but rather a sharing of powers between Congress, the presidency and the court system, often times inciting great struggles of power between the legislative and executive body.

But after looking past the checks and balances, a question must be asked. Is there an unequal amount of power shared between the three branches of government? And if so, who has the most power and why?

Since the early history of the United States, there has been a huge struggle for power between the executive, legislative, and judiciary branches of government. At times, one branch would have more power than others. At other times, there would be a check of power, and the other branches would reclaim some of the lost power.



Kathleen Wilmes  
Contributing Columnist

A prime example of the executive branch having more power over the legislative branch is given with the Vietnam War, more specifically the Cambodian Incursion. This led to the reclamation of Congressional power with the War Powers Resolution of 1973 against a president, directly aimed at former president Nixon, from taking action without consulting Congress when introducing our armed forces into hostile environments.

With the war waged on terror, again this question is asked. Does President Bush have more power than Congress? Right now, I would say yes. However, at any given time, Congress has the authority to regain the power legislators blindly gave away because of the aftermath of Sept. 11.

After Bush's latest address to the nation, Congress once again criticized not only the general involvement, but

more specifically the number of troops, a subject which is not new by any means. But moving past the scathing remarks, the legislative branch is starting to stand up, just short of reclaiming their lost power to the president as in the case of the effects of the Vietnam War mentioned earlier.

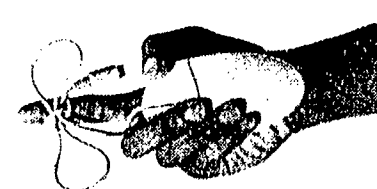
A clear example to support this claim is last Friday's Senate vote on a measure that would have brought the majority of the armed forces home within the next nine months.

The fact that the measure fell short is not the most important factor when looking at the power struggle, but instead the initiative to check presidential decisions, and the idea to balance the shared powers.

Even though the measure fell through, most likely something will come to fruition out of the War on Terror, especially after the Bush administration is at an end.

It will most definitely be interesting to see how everything plays out with a newly elected president.

## COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIANNEWS.COM



In Response to "Democrats should put partisanship aside"

Reggie Holmes  
posted 9/25/07

You're all wasting your time! I am not knocking any one of you in particular but you can all talk or write till your blue in the face and it doesn't matter! I didn't even know this page existed till I came across it by accident!

Let the writers write and you read!! Save your time, watch a movie!

Matt Weeder  
posted 9/26/07

Fellow readers, I think that largely America has lost sight of the true meaning of sacrifice. Keeping in mind that I was not around to witness the previous wars that America has fought in, (I have only my grandfather's eye witness accounts and the point of reference from indoctrinated history books) I would say Americans have not a clue what sacrifice is anymore.

We are so fixated on instant gratification this instant that, we have no concept of patience and sacrifice.

I did not watch every time Bush addressed the nation before going into Iraq, but I do remember him telling all of us that this war would be unlike any other war we have been in, that it would take considerable time to defeat our foe, that it would require American resolve and that we would have to stay the course.

I did not watch when in Iraq a long time, many soldiers have paid the ultimate sacrifice but we must have this timetable? (if I may interrupt my own message to say that I am sure many libs are sighing right now noting that I have made the false "connection" to the war in Iraq and the war on terror.

To that I say, it is obviously pretty important to al-Qaida, the terrorists, or "insurgents" as our friendly media calls them, to win this war because they are the ones blowing themselves up in Iraq!

Back to the main message, I agree, once things are stable enough for the Iraq government to take over, we should get out of Iraq. But to give our enemies a timetable is like a chicken farmer broadcasting his vacation days to the local fox den. Is the reason for this timetable simply so the war will finally be over and it can be chalked up as another loss in the Bush column?

I would hope that it is instead intended to bring our boys home when the time is right, meaning, when we will not be leaving Iraq to the euthraists.

To my knowledge, when America went to war in the previous world wars, U.S. citizens sacrificed. If that meant foregoing meals throughout the day so we would have meals for our troops, we did it. If that meant picking up the slack in the workforce to produce much needed supplies, Americans stepped up to the plate. And it is no different than it is now; I am sure people back then were opposed to the war as they are now. But the true difference is, now, we can sit on our free lazy butts in front of a computer and complain through an online Web post, lacking a true concept of this war and what our nation is up against.

The beauty of America is everyone is entitled to their opinion and with the advent of technology (i.e. the Internet) everyone has instant (biased and unbiased) information and thus there are as many opinions as news outlets. The point I am trying to make is that, like it or not we are at war. If you believe we should have been there in the first place or not, does not matter, we are at war.

I doubt many of us (and many of our elected senators) are truly qualified enough to be seriously critiquing the nuts and bolts of this war. When we have a leading Army General give IHS synopsis of the war and its progress, how do we have the credibility to call him a liar or claim that he is simply a puppet of the administration?

Are we waiting for the next 9-11 to wake up and see that our enemies want us all, (democrats, republicans, conservatives, liberals) dead? Lets put aside our differences and egos for a moment and get through this situation as UNITED States citizens.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 14  
■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1300 N. Main

Sept. 15  
■Neel L. Carey, 21, Maryville, larceny, 400 N. Mulberry

Sept. 19  
■Lost/stolen license plate, ongoing investigation, 1100 E. Fifth

■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1100 N. College Park

■Dale D. Ray, 52, Maryville, code violation, 500 E. Sixth

Sept. 26  
■Grass fire, unintentional, intersection of Highways 71 and 136

Sept. 27  
■Recovered property, razor scooter, 500 N. Laura

Sept. 28  
■Richard Nichols, 36, Rushville, WOW, failure to appear, 400 N. Market

■Corrie L. Sager, 23, Stanberry, driving while suspended, exceeding posted speed limit, 1000 E. Seventh

Sept. 29  
■Larceny, ongoing investigation, 1100 E. First

Sept. 30  
■Kaitlin C. Plomey-Cloycomb, 18, Kansas City, Mo., MIP; Tiffany R. Siren, 17, Kansas City, Mo., MIP by consumption; Samantha L. Kirk, 18, Kansas City, Mo., MIP by consumption, 1500 S. Main

## ACCIDENTS

Sept. 22  
■Willie Allee, 69, Sheridan, collided with an unknown driver at the intersection of Market and Torrance

Sept. 23  
■Jon D. Barry, 19, Maryville, collided with Nido L. Mossie, 63, Mound City, Mo., at the intersection of West South Avenue and S. Munn when Barry failed to yield the right-of-way. Barry received a citation for failure to show proof of insurance.

Sept. 26  
■Jeremy D. Palmer, 25, Maryville, was in a one-vehicle accident at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

Sept. 27  
■American Recycling Sanitation vehicle, Rock Port, Mo., collided with Amy L. Smith, 25, Pickering, at the intersection of North Laura and East Seventh

## BIRTHS

Telan Zane Duckworth, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, was born Sept. 4, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He is the son of Samantha Duckworth and Michael Maize.

Teagan Zane Moutray, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was born Sept. 25, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He is the son of Josh and Stacey Moutray of Maryville.

His maternal grandparents are Carol McLaughlin of Tarkio, Mo., and Greg and Janet Wennihan of Fairfax, Mo., and his paternal grandparents are Jim and Jan Moutray of Barnard, Mo.

Clayton Wyatt Nelson, 9 pounds, was born Sept. 24, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He is the son of Chris and Mary Nelson of Maryville.

His maternal grandparents are Richard and Jean Busick of St. Louis, and his paternal grandparents are Marian Nelson of Cameron, Mo.

## OBITUARIES

Warren "Barney" Pierson, Jr. 78, of Maryville, formerly of Barnard, Mo., died Sept. 21, 2007, at Beverly Living Center in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 10, 1928, in Burlington Junction, Mo., to Warren Clifton Pierson

and Effie (Gray) Pierson. A 1946 graduate of Barnard High School, he married Elsie Margaret "Puddy" (Wohlford) Pierson on May 24, 1949, in Maryville. Pierson was a heavy equipment operator and a 50-year member of the Operating Engineers No. 101 in St. Joseph, Mo. He attended the Barnard Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Homer Leroy Pierson.

He is survived by his wife Puddy Pierson of Maryville; son Martin Pierson of Eagle, Idaho; grandson John Pierson of Denver; granddaughter Jennifer Pierson of Eagle; sisters Roberta Boss, Ramah of Colorado; and Betty Lou Nieberger of Cherokee, Wyo.

Visitation was held on Monday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Graveside services were held Tuesday at the Barnard American Legion Cemetery in Barnard.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Katherine Venna (Sherret) Woodruff, 95 of Maryville died Sept. 21, 2007, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Mo.

The daughter of William Alfred and Magnolia (Barnes) Sherrets, Katherine was born April 10, 1912, in Dover, Kan. She was a graduate of Dover High School in Dover.

She married Clyde Willard Woodruff on June 28, 1945, in Kansas City, Mo. A homemaker, Katherine was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women in Maryville. She enjoyed playing bridge and was an expert seamstress.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Clyde Woodruff; her parents; brothers Carl Richard, George, William, Charles and Alex Sherrets; and sisters Agnes Kenzie, Bertha Bundy, Dolly McKague and Pearl Bundy.

Katherine is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Keith Arnold of Maryville; two grandchildren, Michelle and her husband Larry Wickersham and Bryan Arnold of Maryville; one great-grandchild, Lauren Wickersham of Maryville; and a sister, Violet Sebring, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Maryville, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

Memorials may be made to either the Alzheimer's Foundation or the Maryville First United Methodist Church in her name.

Melvin Parshall, 83, of Burlington Junction, Mo., died Sept. 19, 2007, at the Fairfax Community Hospital, Fairfax, Mo. The son of Everett Arnold and Fern Valentine (Graham) Parshall, Melvin was born Sept. 8, 1924, in Burlington Junction. He graduated from Quitman High School in Quitman, Mo. and he married Clara Louise Crockett May 9, 1943, in Maryville.

Melvin was a member of the Quitman Methodist Church. He was a farmer and he sold Mooman Feeds. He loved hunting, fishing and bowling.

Melvin was preceded in death by his wife, Clara; his parents; and a grandson, Dickie Parshall.

Survivors include his children and their spouses, Gary and Judy Parshall of Clinton, Mo.; Dickie Parshall and Roger and Nikki Parshall, all of Tarkio, Mo.; Gloria and Bill Martz of Burlington Junction; Shirley Kay and Rodney Wake and Kristie and Skeeter Hale, both of Rock Port, Mo.; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and a brother, Arnold Parshall of Burlington Junction.

Visitation was Friday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Funeral services were Saturday at Price Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Quitman Cemetery in Quitman.

Memorials may be made to the Fairfax Community Hospital in his name.

Dorothy May (Whitehead) Shell, 78, died Sept. 27, 2007, in Maryville. She was born May 2, 1929, in

Maryville, the daughter of Henry and Mary (VanDusen) Whitehead. She was a 1947 graduate of Maryville High School. She and Kenneth Shell were married on March 19, 1949, at the First Christian Church in Maryville by the Rev. Franklin Cole.

Dorothy was an active member of the Wilcox United Methodist Church in Wilcox, Mo., where she served as Secretary of the Board and Secretary of the Women's Group then known as the WSSCS.

Prior to raising their eight children Dorothy worked for the Missouri Division of Family Services as a stenographer and later as a caseworker.

Her life revolved around her family, homemaking, community and friends. She was also very active with her children in 4-H.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Rachel Atkins, Grace Arnold, Hazel Miller and Mary Burks; and her brother, Lester Whitehead.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Kenneth, her children along with their spouses, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation was Friday at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Funeral services were Saturday at Price Funeral Home, with burial in Wilcox Cemetery of Wilcox, Mo.

Memorials may be made to SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri in Maryville or the Wilcox United Methodist Church, care of Price Funeral Home.

Edwin Morris Carmichael, 90, of Maryville, died Sept. 29, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Sept. 4, 1917, in Pickering, Mo., to Charles and Iva (McKee) Carmichael.

Carmichael served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and attained the rank of major. He was captured after being shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war for two years.

He married Mildred Mahan on Oct. 19, 1945, in Maryville. Carmichael was the Veteran's Service Officer for five counties in northwest Missouri for 26 years.

A member of the Way Memorial United Methodist Church in Hopkins, Mo., he was also a member of James Edward Gray American Legion Post No. 100 and the Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post No. 442.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Earl, Stanley, Charles Paul Carmichael; and sister Helen Locke.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; two sons, Mark and wife Cynthia Carmichael and Martin and wife Julie Carmichael, all of Maryville; sister Carol Farrens of Concordia, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services and burial were held on Tuesday at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

Memorials may be made to the New Nodaway Humane Society in Maryville.

Paul Samuel Martin, 92, of Maryville, died Sept. 30, 2007, at Parkdale Manor Care Center in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 12, 1914, in Porter, Okla., to Thomas and Carrie (Brown) Martin.

Martin married Virginia Buzzard in Peru, Calif., in 1947. He then married Lorraine Bushnell in Las Vegas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Virginia Martin; three sisters, Margery Karr, Deon Schmidt and Marie Martin; and four brothers, Ray, Noel, Cleo and Cecil Martin.

He is survived by his son Don Richard and wife Shirley; and niece Betty Keever and husband, Bill, all of Maryville.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery in Skidmore, Mo.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

# CAT: Shelter explores fundraising options

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treated, Cummings said. "Puppy mills are a detriment to dogs," Cummings said. "Disease outbreaks, poor quality, and genetic and temperament problems can result."

Breeder's licenses would allow more people to legally breed dogs. The money from their sale would also help the animal shelter, which depends on individuals for most of its funding.

"Some people do fund-raisers

and donate the profit to us," Nelson said. "Others collect needed items."

Two girls from Maryville decided to ask for items for the animal shelter instead of gifts for themselves at a birthday party they had.

It's little things like this that the shelter depends on to keep up with increasing costs of operation.

An upcoming fall luncheon, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15, is the next big shelter fund-

raiser. It is open to the public for \$5 a plate. The society expects to raise around \$2,000, Nelson said.

The buddy program, where people become the "buddy" of a shelter animal, helps defray costs as well. Buddies are encouraged to come visit their animal friends.

Other small fund-raisers taking place are the 2008 "Forever Friends" calendar project, T-shirt sales and a "Hot dogs for dogs" food stand on campus.

"Every little thing helps," Nelson said.

# 389: Bill may cause more harm than good

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going to cost, this is the ranking among peers for this much money ... is this worth the money?"

The ratings will also stress accountability, Lager said.

"The only people who have anything to fear are those who are not doing their job right," Lager said. "From my personal experience I had at Northwest, throughout all my courses, there was maybe one or two that didn't do their job."

"Though most will like it, those who are doing their job will be the only ones who don't like it," Lager said.

Web sites including Ratemyprofessors.com already help many students avoid teaching styles they can't learn from, both Yang and Sudhoff said. However, students are unwittingly rob themselves of a quality education without challenging themselves, Sudhoff said.

Sudhoff also said public ratings could contribute to further grade inflation.

"I'm less concerned about students seeking professors where they think they'll get an easier grade," Sudhoff said. "I'm more concerned about them actually avoiding professors who have more rigorous classes, because I think that more rigor frequently results in a better learning environment. So if students start

shy away from professors who have a more realistic and evenly distributed grade curve, I think they may actually lose out."

However, Sudhoff readily acknowledged the potential gains of informing education consumers.

"What I would hope is that putting whatever kind of information about instructors online would allow students to make informed decisions about what university to attend and what classes to take, based on their desire to really walk out of the university with a rigorous, useful education," Sudhoff said. "If they do that ... then it's going to be OK."

Another aspect of the issue concerns what student evaluation data ought to be made public. Evaluations of providing clear goals for the class, availability during office hours and willingness of the instructor to provide help outside of class would be acceptable public criteria, Yang said.

However, present evaluations include questions going beyond typical consumer information, Yang said.

"There are some questions imbedded within the student evaluation instrument that are related to consumer information," Yang said. "Legislation like SB 389 lays out a framework rather than specific rules and regulations. It's a high-level mandate. The DHE ... is now in the

process of writing rules and regulations encompassing SB 389 so that universities can be in compliance with SB 389."

Sudhoff emphasized a measure of caution in relaying information going too far in-depth to students and parents.

"Those evaluations are used in our job and performance reviews," Sudhoff said. "It could, potentially, violate employer-employee confidentiality if some kinds of information are used."

Nevertheless, Sudhoff envisioned potential gains for Northwest from public ratings.

"If you stop and think about it, this could pay off for an institution like Northwest," Sudhoff said. "If you go to the Web site for a large university and see that this class is taught by a graduate assistant and that class is taught by a graduate assistant ... and then you compare that and look at Northwest and see that a similar class is taught by a professor ... in essence, for those students who are really looking at their educations, they might say 'If I go to someplace like Northwest, I'm going to have a professor in my class instead of a graduate assistant.'"

"In a case like that, it may actually pay off for us and institutions like us where the preponderance of teaching is done by professors like us instead of graduate assistants."

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## BOBBY: Years of illustration to fade to history

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the paw to be our main mark, so to speak, and we think it's more reflective of what we want in our mascot."

Bearcat fans don't see a need for elimination of the Bobby Bearcat logo, but some do call for possible improvements of the illustration.

"That's not even cool," sophomore Mason Becker said. "Bobby Bearcat's our mascot, they can't just take away the symbol of him."

Maryville resident Jenny Keever doesn't see a need to do anything with the logo.

"I might be old fashioned, but I'd go with this one," Keever said. "I think this is more calmer for people."

Junior Autumn Disney said a fiercer, scarier Bobby Bearcat logo could work, but fellow junior Libby Olenhouse thinks the logo should be left alone.

"I don't understand why it should be gone, it's our school, that's our mascot, that needs to be on shirts and everything," Olenhouse said.

The Bobby Bearcat logo is welcoming and shouldn't be touched, Maryville resident Dan Faulk said.

"Leave it for the families and for the kids," Faulk said.

Possible redesigns of the Bobby Bearcat logo are not planned for the future, however, Boerigter said student and public input could spark ideas.

"That's all possible, we haven't had conversations about it at this point," Boerigter said. "We're always open to change, we don't want anything to be entrenched in concrete."

The department would look at the advantages to bringing the logo back and what updates could be made, Boerigter said.

Within the past seven years, new logo designs were proposed to the University, but a possible merger with the University of Missouri system brought things to a halt.

"At that point we really backed off that, because our concern at that time, was if we went into this merger, we wanted to convince alums and students that were here, that more things are going to stay the same, they weren't going to change," Boerigter said.

Proof of the dissipation of the Bobby Bearcat logo is imminent in new billboard signs and at Bearcat Arena.

New billboards promote the phrase "We see green" with a starring bearcat portrayed with green eyes.

"That was something I've done from the more athletic marketing aspects of it," White said. "It's something that can be used for years and years."

"I think that it's important that those people who hear about or see Northwest Missouri State, they know that our athletic teams are very competitive."

The new billboards have triggered some reaction.

"Whenever you change a logo, there's always going to be some backlash from people who may be passionate about something," White said, "but with any company or school that does that, it's done for the better."

At Bearcat Arena, the athletic department is replacing the five Bobby Bearcat heads on the building's facade with five Northwest paw logos.

Four of the paw logos have been placed, but the fifth was stolen.

"As they were installing them, somebody walked off with the last decal that was laying in the lobby," Boerigter said.

Boerigter said the decals cost between \$100 and \$150.

"We brought campus safety up and filed a stolen goods report," Boerigter said. "We hope we're going to get it back."

Recent activity toward the logo brought miscommunication for homecoming celebrations.

The athletic department trademarked and licensed the paw and bearcat logos causing the confusion.

"Before we became licensed, before we registered those logos, you could manipulate and do anything you wanted to those caricatures," White said.

Despite the licensing, Boerigter reassures homecoming celebrations and themes can feature Bobby Bearcat.

"We just prefer when they promote that in print, they promote that with a photograph of him as opposed to the old sketch caricature," Boerigter said.

Among all the changes occurring, Boerigter is satisfied with current promotions.

"I like what we have now, and the fact that the paw is our mark and we like Bobby as the mascot," he said.

Yet for freshman David Cheadle, Bearcat players are doing enough and

a change in the logo doesn't change anything.

"Honestly if they want to put it towards sports, we'll just let the team put fear in (opponents). I don't see why they have to change up the mascot like that," Cheadle said.

ROBERTA BEARKITTEN



### Women's athletics had brief mascot

For a brief period, female athletes were referred to as the Northwest Bearkittens.

The mascot named for the ladies was Roberta Bearkitten, which is believed to honor Roberta Steel, after whom Roberta Hall is named.

Eventually, both male and female athletes were referred to as the Bearcat, however, Roberta Bearkitten remains a part of Northwest history.

## BALDRIGE: University unsure if it will apply again next year

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Northwest paid \$3,000 in application fees this year, said Paul Klute, assistant to the president.

Baldrige applications first go into an independent review, followed by a consensus review. Examiners in these stages can only base their decisions on the answers applicants provide in their applications.

This makes the program seem like a "writing contest," because applicants have to say just the right things to move on to the next level, Hubbard said.

Further, without the ability to access additional resources to help the applicants at this stage, such as its Web site, there is a greater chance that information can be misinterpreted, which can lead to inaccurate decisions, he said.

However, this measure is in place because there are too many applicants, too few judges and not enough time to consider outside resources while keeping the process fair, Baldrige program director Harry Hertz said.

Applications are 50 pages long and are examined by more than 600 judges across the country, he said. There were 84 Baldrige applicants this year.

If the judges have questions about an application, they can have them clarified if the applicant moves on to the next stage, the site visit, Hertz said.

"We train the examiners to give the benefit of the doubt," he said. "We tell them 'Don't block a potential award recipient until they have the opportunity to clarify (information).'"

However, Northwest was not chosen for a site visit this year, even though it has been three times in the past: 2003, 2004 and 2005, Klute said.

All applicants are placed in one of eight scoring bands after the first two stages. That score is used to determine site visit recipients but does not help determine which applicant wins an award, Hertz said.

Judging on the site visit level is based on verifying "in person" the information provided on the application, he said.

Therefore, a Band 5 applicant would automatically get a site visit if a Band 3 organization does, since examiners set a minimum cutoff first, Hertz said.

However, the Band 3 applicant could win an award while the other doesn't because the band scores aren't considered, he said.

This happened to Northwest in 2005, when

it scored in Band 6—one of the highest scoring applications in the award's history, Hubbard said. The University received a site visit but did not win. In fact, Baldrige winners that year scored in Band 4 before their site visits.

Northwest placed in Band 4 last year, Klute said.

All applicants receive feedback reports regardless of how far they make it during judging, Hertz said.

The University had not received its report and did not know its 2007 band score as of Wednesday, Klute said.

But while Northwest has benefited from some of the judges' feedback in recent years, some of it has also been inaccurate and inconsistent with the evident improvements the institution has made, Hubbard said.

Yet there is no appropriate medium in place, such as an exit interview (something available in other award programs), to correct any inconsistencies or inaccuracies, he said.

However, 30 days after receiving their feedback reports, applicants have the opportunity to provide input about the program through a survey, Hertz said.

On that survey, an applicant can request a meeting and discussion with the Baldrige staff, a program judge or both, he said.

Hubbard met with Baldrige officials after the University lost the award last year and recommended the program make several changes to the judging process. Some changes were made, but weren't significant enough, Hubbard said.

"In my view they need to go back to square one and ask what is the best way to get consistent and accurate information to applicants, so if they follow it, they will eventually win an award," he said.

Hubbard didn't know if the University would apply a seventh time next year. But it would continue to evaluate its performance through channels such as the Missouri Quality Award, which assigns advisers to help applicants "move forward," improve their scores and eventually win the award, Hubbard said.

Northwest is a three-time Missouri Quality Award winner.

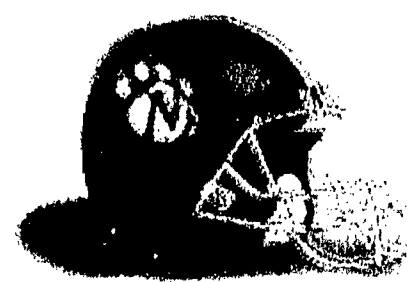
As for the Baldrige program, Hubbard said he has faith in the award's judging criteria, calling it the "best in the world." But logistical flaws will continue to make the program ineffective, he said.

"The Baldrige has been an important tool for us, but the examination process is disappointing, and it won't penetrate the higher education market until it's changed," Hubbard said.

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## Legends of the Fall Classic

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Xavier Omon is looking forward to Saturday's Fall Classic VI between No. 9 Northwest and No. 16 Pittsburg State at Arrowhead Stadium.

Not because Omon is facing the MIAA's worst rushing defense, but last year, he was out with a rib injury as he watched third-string running back Sheldon Cook torch the Gorilla defense for 172 yards and two touchdowns in the 41-14 victory.

"Coach T (Tjeerdsma) asked me if I've ever played in an Arrowhead game, making fun of me," Omon said. "I'm ready to play in this game. A lot of my friends and family are from Lawrence (Kan.), so I'll get to play in front of my friends and family, so it means a lot."

Omon played in two Fall Classics, rushing for 160 yards and a touchdown in 2004 in a 21-17 loss. Omon had a quiet 71 yards and two touchdowns in a 2005 game that was overshadowed by Northwest's 56-35 loss.

One year hasn't made a difference for the Gorillas. Through five games, Pittsburg State is giving up a MIAA-worst 212.6 yards per game. In two games against Missouri Southern and Missouri Western, the Gorillas gave up over 600 yards on the ground.

"I don't know how much better we can get on defense," Pittsburg coach Chuck Broyles said. "We're trying to do some things. We've changed some looks up front. The key to this game isn't having a great defense, but a great offense. Sometimes if you can make them punt three times, you've got a chance if your offense can do it."

If Pittsburg State can get into a shootout, it'll be because of running back Caleb Farabi. Farabi is averaging a league-best 151.8 yards per game, but is facing the league's best rush defense (56.8).

"He's surprised everybody this year, probably even some people at Pittsburg," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Not

because you think of him as a lesser athlete, but he's just not really big."

"He's running inside the tackles. That's what impresses me. He's getting yards inside and outside. He's really been a plus for them."

One thing Northwest hasn't done this season is allow itself to get into shootouts. After the 25-21 loss to Nebraska-Omaha Sept.

8, Northwest is winning games by an average margin of 48 points and that's because of quick starts.

In each of those games, Northwest has scored 21 or more points in the first quarter. The defense is holding the lead, giving up only 16 points per game.

"So far, we've really come out and played well early," Tjeerdsma said. "We expect to do

that again Saturday. I think we've practiced better each week."

"I think it's going to be one of those games where the team that makes the fewest mistakes, the team that does well on special teams and executes well is the team that will come out on top."

Another player that is key to Pittsburg's offense is quarterback Mark Smith. Smith

has thrown for 700 yards and rushed for 302 yards. The sophomore is battling a rib injury after pulling a muscle on a pitch during practice Sept. 25. Smith started against Central Missouri Sept. 29, but left after throwing only four passes. Broyles expects Smith to start Saturday.

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### MHS SOFTBALL

## Despite MEC loss, district bye awaits

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

In the first of two battles for a conference title (softball and football) between Maryville and Platte County this week, the Pirates drew first blood.

Platte County's softball team edged Maryville 5-4, Monday night, scoring the winning run in the seventh inning to take the MEC crown.

The loss to the 22-3 Pirates may have prevented the Spoofhounds (18-4) from winning the conference, but did not affect their district status.

After a campaign that saw them double their previous year's win total, the 'Hounds are the district's No. 1 seed and have beaten the remainder of their prospective competition at least once.

Monday's loss at Platte County, while difficult to stomach initially, will serve as one final measure of preparation for today's district tournament, coach Jacqui Conn said.

"It was a very emotional game and even though this loss was tough for the girls, they played so hard," Conn said.

"If you're going to lose going into districts, this is a good one to have. They know they can play at that level now. It's kind of frustrating but every game we've lost, we've learned from. So we wouldn't be the successful team we are and wouldn't have that number one seed, I don't think, without those big losses."

"I know that sounds kind of funny, but without those losses, we wouldn't have been able to come out with those big wins."

Down 2-0 in the fifth, the 'Hounds got a bit of a boost from their No. 9 hitter. Sophomore left fielder Emily Kisker's RBI double to left field, coupled with Mataya Wooten's bases-loaded bloop single to center gave the visitors a 4-2 lead.

Kisker, who by her own admission has had a sub-par year at the plate, was elated to help her team spark a rally.

"I was extremely nervous," she said. "It felt really good to hit it, because I haven't had a real good hitting record this season. It was good to get it off my chest and get the team started."

While Kisker and Wooten's hits got the 'Hounds the lead, it wouldn't be enough as the Pirates tied the game in the sixth and broke that tie in the seventh. Pitcher Megan Walker struck out seven, while senior Jordan Gadbois went 2-for-4 on the night.

The odds for advancing to the state tournament are in Maryville's favor as they have a combined



SENIOR JORDAN GADBOIS attempts to tag out a North Platte baserunner at third base. Gadbois is the only senior to start for the Spoofhounds and scored the winning run in Maryville's 2-1, eighth-inning win on Sept. 27's senior night. The top-seeded 'Hounds play the winner of the Cameron/Benton quarterfinal game today, at 6 p.m., at St. Joseph's Heritage Park.

### MHS FOOTBALL



MARYVILLE DEFENSIVE BACK Tanner Archer looks on as cornerback Derek Johns upends Cameron tight end Andrew Jones during the Sept. 28 34-31 victory.

## Juggernaut Pirates stand between 'Hounds destiny

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

After spending the first half of their season making believers out of their conference, the Maryville Spoofhounds now face a perennial powerhouse with the MEC title on the line.

While both teams enter with 5-0 marks, Platte County has a significant experience edge on Maryville.

The current Pirates roster has won two district titles in the past two seasons, while the 'Hounds are playing in the conference's biggest game for the first time.

Maryville did beat Platte County to win 2004 MEC title, but the players who contributed on that team have all graduated.

Quarterback Andy Walter and his fellow seniors watched from the sidelines three years ago, and the magnitude of this game is not lost on the signal-caller.

"It's huge for us," Walter said. "We were talking the other day about how

it seemed weird to us (preparing for a conference title game). When we were freshmen, we were thinking about how Josh (Wilmes) and Syd (Brisbane), and all them were so big and they were playing in a big-time game. Now we're in the exact same spot they were."

Coming off a 34-31 win over Cameron, Maryville is ranked fourth in Class 2, while Platte County, fresh off a 44-21 destruction of Benton, is No. 2 in Class 3.

Nothing more to move in to match the total of the past two years, coach Chris Holt insists this is a far different team from the one that the Pirates whipped 35-7 last season.

"As coaches, we just thought with the amount of talent we had returning and as long as our seniors provided good leadership, we could be 5-0 at this point," Holt said. "Those things have worked out for us, so to say we're surprised, not really."

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NW SOCCER



NORTHWEST FORWARD AMANDA Deml fights a Central Missouri defender during a match Sept. 29. The Bearcats lost to the sixth-ranked Jennies in double-overtime as they prepare for Truman Sunday.

# Truman shuts out Northwest

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — Northwest has four days to exact revenge on Truman State after Wednesday's match.

The Bulldogs beat Northwest 2-0, improving to 8-3-1, while Northwest dropped to 3-8. Marti Trummer led Northwest with one shot on goal. Trummer has two goals and an assist over the last three games.

Truman held the Bearcats to three shots — all in the second half. Katie Reuck had two assists as Isabel Gaeta and Riley Mahn each had goals in the 41st and 66th minutes, respectively.

Northwest hosts Truman State Sunday at Bearcat Pitch. Truman is 8-3-1 on the season and 5-1-1 in the MIAA. The Bulldogs are unbeaten at home and are 4-0-1 in its last five games. Northwest lost 4-0 last year in Maryville, and are 0-13 lifetime against Truman.

"They're actually picking up their play," Hoza said. "They've been consistent over the last three weeks. They're coached very well."

Northwest dropped a double-overtime thriller to No. 6 Central Missouri, Sept. 29.

In Northwest coach Tracy Hoza's opinion, Northwest outplayed Central Missouri at Bearcat Pitch.

"It was a physical game, but a good game," Hoza said. "On that day, you wouldn't know who the ranked team was."

The Bearcats did outshoot the Jennies, 15-12, and Trummer's goal in the 77th minute forced overtime, but Central's Lindsay Hoel's goal in the 107th minute gave the Jennies a 2-1 victory.

Hoza said she continues to see consistent improvement as they try to establish an identity.

"Every team does need an identity, but they're working hard," Hoza said. "They're attitude is exceptional, and they didn't just throw their hands up in the air."

Krista Obley led Northwest with four shots against Central, but was held out of action Wednesday because of a hamstring injury. Hoza expects Obley to play Sunday. Sunday's match starts at 2 p.m.

NW TENNIS

## Men's squad falls short of national tournament bid

By Jared Clarke  
Missourian Reporter

New doubles teammates Jake Saulsbury and Viji Schgal had a strong showing Friday and Saturday at the Men's ITA North Central Regional Championships at Washburn.

Coming into the tournament as the 24th seed, Saulsbury and Schgal won their first match against Mesa State's Jeremiah Driscoll and Niko Carizzo, 8-0, and their second match against Winona State's Stuart Booth and Tanner Bishop, 8-0. In the quarterfinals they faced 20th seed Truman State, losing in a tiebreaker, 9-8 (8-6), falling short of the national tournament.

Senior Saulsbury and freshman Schgal are new teammates this year, and both had high hopes for their success in doubles play, because of Saulsbury's prior success last year at the tournament, winning doubles with teammate Chris Smith, who is now a graduate assistant.

"I think they played well," Northwest coach Mark Rosewell said. "Although it was the first time that they had played in a tournament together, they were both disappointed that they did not win it."

Both Saulsbury and Schgal gelled right away when they began playing together this year.

"We didn't have to go through much of an adjustment," Schgal said. "We just started out practicing together and it really worked out."

Consistency and communication on the court are among some of the key components in their game that Saulsbury and Schgal are trying to perfect this fall before the spring season gets underway.

"We really try to focus on returns in doubles, because if you can get that first return in, it puts a lot of pressure on the serving team," Saulsbury said.

Along with his success in doubles, Schgal also made it to quarterfinals in singles play. Schgal won his first three matches in singles and lost his quarterfinals match to Brandon Lupo of Metro State in straight sets 7-5, 7-6.

"I think that is the best performance by a freshman that we have ever had at Northwest," Rosewell said.

With freshman Schgal's solid performance in the regional tournament, the future looks bright for the team.

"We have a lot to build off of for this spring," Saulsbury said. "Once we start playing three or four matches a week we will continue to improve."

Senior Kristina Vucenova is the only representative for Northwest advancing to the national tournament. The national tournament begins Wednesday in Mobile, Ala.

# BEARCATS

## SCORE BY QUARTER

(3-1) 36 20 7 23 — 86
(0-5) 0 6 7 0 — 13

## TEAM STATISTICS

NW Bearcats	SWB Bearcats
617	211
68	77
4-42.8	7-25.4
10-95	8-90
2-1	4-1
238	285
0-0	4-47
15-21-0	32-52-3
379	74
47	25
9.1	2.7
26	13
12	0
8	11
5-11	6-19
1-1	0-4

## PLAYER STATISTICS



NORTHWEST TIGHT END Mike Peterson fights off two Southwest Baptist defenders during a running attempt in the 8-6 victory.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Yds	Lg
Xavier Omon	14	118	2	116	3	33	8.3
E.J. Falkner	1	79	0	79	1	79	79.0
Clint Moore	8	57	0	57	2	31	21
Sheldon Cook	9	46	1	45	0	13	5.0
LaRon Council	5	23	0	23	0	12	4.6
Mike Peterson	1	22	0	22	0	22	22.0
Blake Bolles	4	18	0	18	0	8	4.5
Brant Gregg	1	17	0	17	0	17	17.0
Jesse Pierce	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Joel Osborn	2	0	2	-2	0	-1.0	-1.0
Totals...	47	384	5	379	6	79	8.1

Passing	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mathews Josh	9-7-0	168	3	60	0	0	0
Joel Osborn	7-5-0	37	1	13	0	0	0
Blake Bolles	5-3-0	33	0	19	0	0	0
Totals...	21-15-0	238	4	60	0	0	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Mike Peterson	3	57	1	40
Greg Applegate	3	31	1	13
Kendall Wright	2	81	2	60
Sheldon Cook	2	24	0	19
E.J. Falkner	1	18	0	18
Paris Elam	1	12	0	12
Abu Qaud	1	9	0	9
Tyler Herl	1	3	0	3
Kyle Kreifels	1	2	0	2
Totals...	15	238	4	60

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Michael Stadler	4	171	42.8	50	4
Totals...	4	171	42.8	50	4

Defense	T-A	Sack	Int.
Ryan Jones	7-2	0	0
Shayne Shade	5-2	0	0
Kyle Sunderman	5-5	1.0	0
Eric Shafer	4-3	1.5	0
Troy Matthews	0	4.0	0
Chris Termini	3-1	0	0
Tyler Roach	3-1	0	0
Chris LeFlore	3-1	0	0
Tommy Miller	3-1	0	0
Myles Burnside	3-1	0	1
De Urum-Eke	3-1	0	0
Matt Robertson	3-2	0	0
Dustin Conrad	3-2	0	0
Evan Wilmes	3-2	0	0
Caleb Dohrman	3-2	0	0
T.J. Kaatman	2-1	0	0

# SPOOFHOUNDS

## DESTINY: Turnovers must stop

Continued from B1

"We're not even in the same (league as of last year). We break down the year's previous film every week and (2006's game) was pretty hard to watch."

Despite this year's unbeaten mark and consistently settling scores with MEC foes, one element from last season has lingered throughout this one. Maryville's five turnovers were the primary reason for the blowout loss a year ago and that same amount of giveaways nearly cost the 'Hounds in last week's game.

When expressing keys to victory, Holt did not hesitate.

"The biggest thing we have to do is not turn the ball over," he said. "We have to obviously take care of the football. We don't turn the ball over, I really think we can still move the ball on offense."

This season, Platte County, while usually relying on the run, has a disruptive force on the outside in all-state receiver Kyle Knox. Knox caught eight balls for 163 yards, and three touchdowns against Benton. Quarterback Jake Crawford also has thrown 10 TD passes this year.

Though it may be refreshing for Maryville not to see a team running the spread offense this week, Platte County runs a more balanced attack that uses its size advantage to impose its will on defenses.

"They've been doing what Chip's (Sherman) been doing for 10 years," Holt said. "They're I-formations (based), but line up in multiple sets, and when they line up, you really know what's coming. They don't make any secret about what they're going to do. They just basically say, 'our kids are better than yours. What are you going to do about it?'"

The patented 'Hound rushing attack may have to rely even more on Adam Mattson, who's scored at least two touchdowns in every game this year, as Malcolm Swinford and John Farmer are questionable with injuries.

With two rivals battling for a league crown, many eyes and ears will be on the outcome of this game. Linebacker Tyler Oglesby believes an upset will garner the spotlight for a team that usually resides in the background.

"Some people might not know the Maryville Spoofhounds, but a lot of people know Platte County and their tradition of football," he said. "If we came out and beat them, it would open some eyes."

After playing the role of the favorite the past two weeks, Maryville, who has beaten Platte County only once this decade, travels to Pirate Stadium Friday as an underdog with nothing to lose.

"It'd be a big-time shocker because we're the smallest team in the conference, and no one's giving us a chance," Walter said.

MHS SOCCER



SENIOR KLAY TALMADGE fights for the ball during the Spoofhounds' 2-0 loss to LeBlond. Talmadge is a captain for the 'Hounds who are currently playing in the Platte County High School Tournament. Maryville is 12-4 on the season and 2-1 in conference play.

## Rogers excels in last 2 victories

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

Benton's soccer team couldn't stop him on Monday, and Lafayette's couldn't stop him on Tuesday.

Maryville forward Jon Rogers scored five of the teams six goals in the last two Spoofhound wins.

"He is really hungry for goals," coach Stuart Collins said. "He's putting himself in place to get the goals."

Rogers scored two of his five goals in Maryville's latest win against Lafayette in the Platte County High School Tournament, Tuesday. The 'Hounds won 3-1 with the other goal coming off the foot of senior

captain Klay Talmadge.

The day before, Rogers notched a hat trick, scoring all of his team's goals in a 3-0 win over Benton.

A large part of Rogers' goal scoring has been his teammates finding him when he's in position to score. All those parts led to great play against Lafayette, Collins said.

"We really did click well," Collins said. "We can beat anybody if we play like that."

During their win over the Irish, the 'Hounds played as well as they have in weeks by playing a high tempo style of soccer, Collins said.

Injuries have plagued the 'Hounds

over the last two weeks, Talmadge said, but now, with those players back, he expects better play from his team.

Maryville will need that high level of play when they face Winnetonka, Thursday. Winnetonka beat Maryville 10-0 last season.

But this is a different Maryville team—the best Talmadge has seen in his four years.

"Winnetonka's pretty good so they're going to be tough, but if we beat them, I think we can win the tournament," Talmadge said.

Maryville will continue its play in the Platte County High School Tournament when it plays Winnetonka, today.

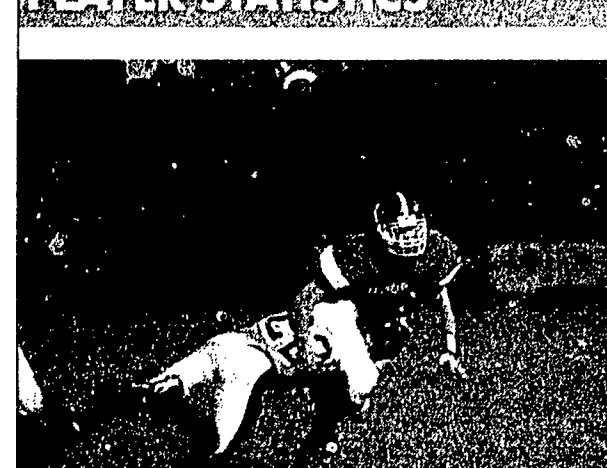
## SCORE BY QUARTER

(5-0) 7 7 7 13 — 34
(1-4) 3 2 1 0 7 — 31

## TEAM STATISTICS

Spoofhounds	First downs	Dragons
11	17	17
204	96	96
117	174	174
3-35	2-21	2-21
4	3	3

## PLAYER STATISTICS



ANDY WALTER HURLS a pass during the final quarter against Cameron Sept. 28. Adam Mattson's 62-yard screen pass touchdown allowed the 'Hounds to escape with a 34-31 victory.

**Rushing**  
Mattson 13-143 yards, 2 TD; Oglesby 8-54, 1 TD; Walter 5-8; Davis 1-0; Winsans 1-4-1)

**Passing**  
Walter 4-9 for 117 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

**Receiving**  
Mattson 2-82, 1 TD; Oglesby 1-32; Swinford 1-3

**Defense**  
Oglesby 12 tackles, 2 tackles for loss; Johns 7.5 tackles; Jazinski 7 tackles; Cronk 7 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 INT, 1 TD; Sherry 6.5 tackles, 2 tackles for loss; Lowe 5 tackles; Archer 4 tackles; Mattson 3 tackles; Davis 2.5 tackles, 2 tackles for loss

**Upcoming games:** Platte County High School, Savannah High School, Lawson High School.

NW VOLLEYBALL

## Washburn Classic offers softer schedule before Emporia game

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

The week ahead is a big one for the Northwest volleyball team. The Bearcats get a three-game break from ranked opponents before facing No. 23 Emporia.

"We expect to be very competitive this week," Northwest coach Anna Tool said. "We feel like we can dominate every team we play this week."

Those teams, Dallas Baptist, Newman (Kan.) and Fort Hays (Kan.), have a combined record of 22-38.

Northwest has already recorded a 3-0 victory over Newman in the Bearcat Classic.

After the Fort Hays game, Northwest faces Emporia, a team, Tool said, is improving.

"They're very similar to us," Tool said. "They're young, and they're getting better every week."

Emporia earned its ranking after knocking off two top 25 opponents, Tool said.

Northwest has a similar resumé. It's defeated one Top 25 opponent and beat South Dakota, which had received votes for the Top 25.

"When we beat them (Emporia), we will be," Tool said when asked why her squad hasn't been considered for the top 25.

Right now, the 'Cats are enjoying a bit of a break—playing only two games in the last seven days. Tool and libero Paige Spangenberg are enjoying it.

The 'Cats' last ranked opponent, Washburn, was more than they could handle, beating them 3-1.

"We're matching up better with them," Spangenberg said. "We have the potential to beat anyone."

Spangenberg registered 17 digs against Washburn while Alicia Johnson led in kills with 18. Setter Katie Swenson also added 50 set assists.

The 'Cats will continue their season at 2 p.m., Friday, in the Washburn Classic against Dallas Baptist.



UBERO PAIGE SPANGENBERG has been played in every match for the 'Cats. She is among the team leader in digs, and has, at times, been the team's defensive specialist as well. The 'Cats will begin play in the Washburn Classic Friday.

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# NWMSU and MHS Athletes of the Week

**Brisbane**

The sophomore from Maryville scored his 1st career touchdown on a 54-yard punt return Saturday against Southwest Baptist.

**Trummer**

The junior from Omaha, Neb., had two goals and assisted on another in two games against Missouri Western and Central Missouri.

**Mattson**

The junior running back had 225 all purpose yards and three touchdowns, including a 62-yard game-winning reception Friday.

**Walker**

The junior pitcher struck out 10 batters her team's eight-inning win over North Platte on senior night. Also fanned seven batters Monday.

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NORTHWEST-PITTSBURG STATE RIVALRY

# Arrowhead went from temporary venue to center of rivalry

By Scott Levine  
Sports Editor

Saturday's game pitting Pittsburg State against Northwest wasn't always destined for Arrowhead. When Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma arrived in Maryville, the thought of these teams tangling in front of over 25,000 fans seemed, at best, over optimistic. At the time, the Gorillas were perennial MIAA powerhouses, while Northwest cemented itself in the conference's bottom half.

But Tjeerdsma resurrected the Northwest football program making the meeting an annual showdown for the conference championship.

When the 2002 schedule was formulated, the two teams were slotted for the Northwest Homecoming contest. Despite the game's popularity, Athletic Director Bob Boerigter said the teams would have played at Bearcat Stadium had it not been for stadium renovations.

"We played in a demolished stadium that year," Boerigter said. "We had temporary bleachers on the track, and it was obvious we would have to do something to control the crowd."

"Quite frankly, if we had our current stadium, we would have never needed another place."

With Bearcat Stadium holding 4,200 outdoor seats, compared to its current capacity of 6,000, Boerigter asked the administration to find another venue and adjust the homecoming game.

"Well they asked what I had in mind, and I said I was going to talk to the Chiefs," Boerigter said. "They said fine, and I don't think they expected to see me back."

To the administration's surprise, though, the Chiefs agreed to host the event for one year. However, because of a conflict with a soccer match, the game moved to Thursday evening.

Expectations were mild for what would soon become a Division II staple.

"No one really knew what to expect," Tjeerdsma said. "It was a step of faith. Give (Boerigter) credit. He stuck his neck out and took a chance. If 10,000 people showed up, it would have been a flop."

The result was far from a flop. The "Clash of the Champions," as it was called, set an all-time single-game Division II record in attendance. The 26,695 fans that attended the game sat atop the record books until Grand Valley State and Michigan Tech battled in front of over 50,000 fans in 2004.

Although the game exceeded expectations, the game was supposed to return to the school's venues in 2003. But the Chiefs approached Pittsburg State, and they decided to keep the game at Arrowhead. Entering the 2004 season, it became a partnership between the Chiefs and the two institutions.

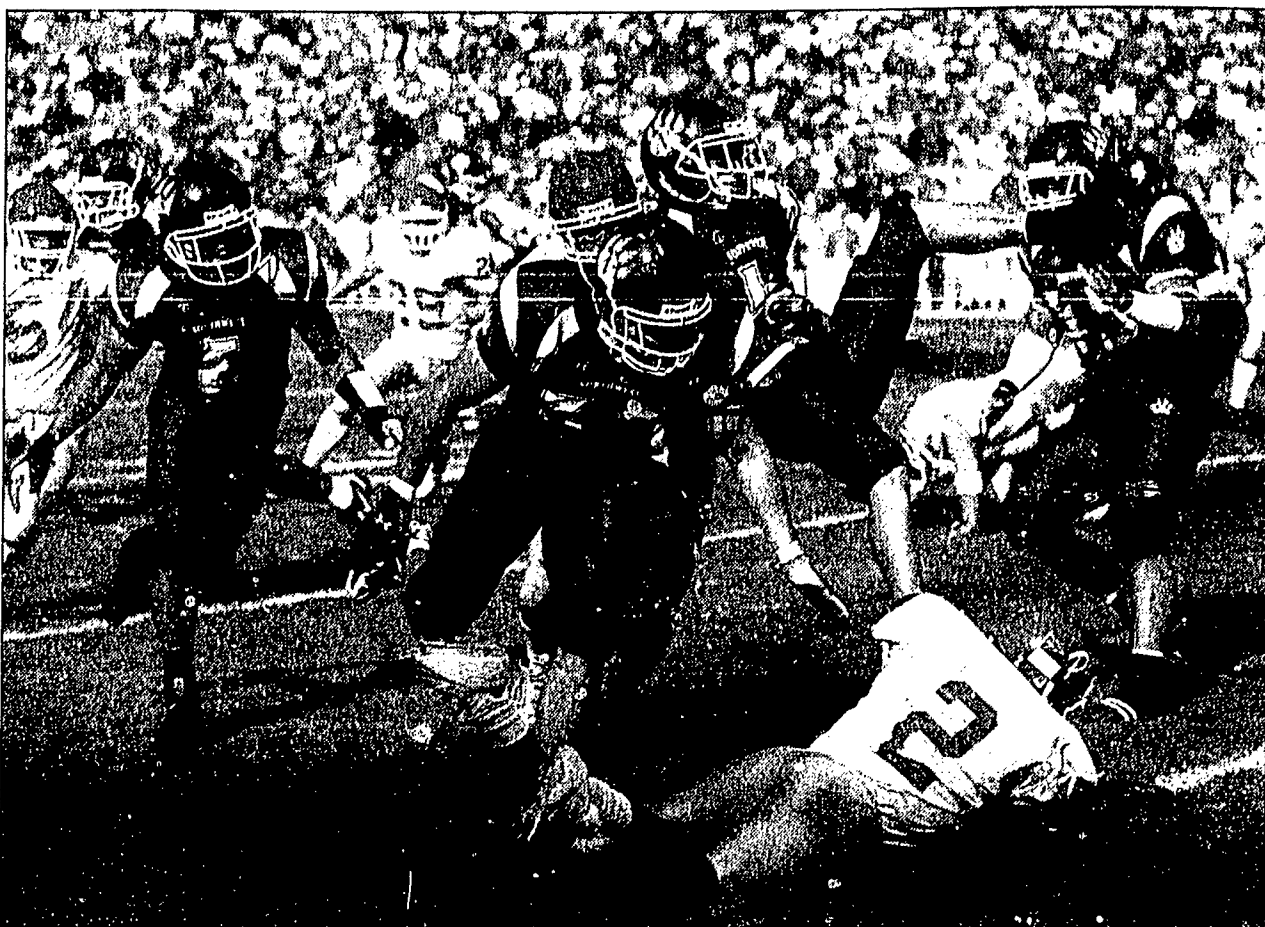
"What's happened is that if this game would maintain the same level of interest, neither of us could accommodate those people," Boerigter said. "We would have to turn away 10,000 people."

The game has set a Division II individual game attendance record in every year except 2004. Setting attendance records have been due in large part to the magnitude of the contest. Since starting the classic, Northwest and Pittsburg State have won the conference four times. In addition, the two teams have appeared in three consecutive national championship games.

Linebacker Jared Erspermer said the game's importance sets this rivalry apart from other games.

"In this game, all you have to say is that you're playing (Pittsburg State), and that should be enough to get you going," Erspermer said.

For Erspermer and his fellow seniors, it could be the final time they step foot in an NFL stadium. For senior tight end Mike Peterson, the game is not the



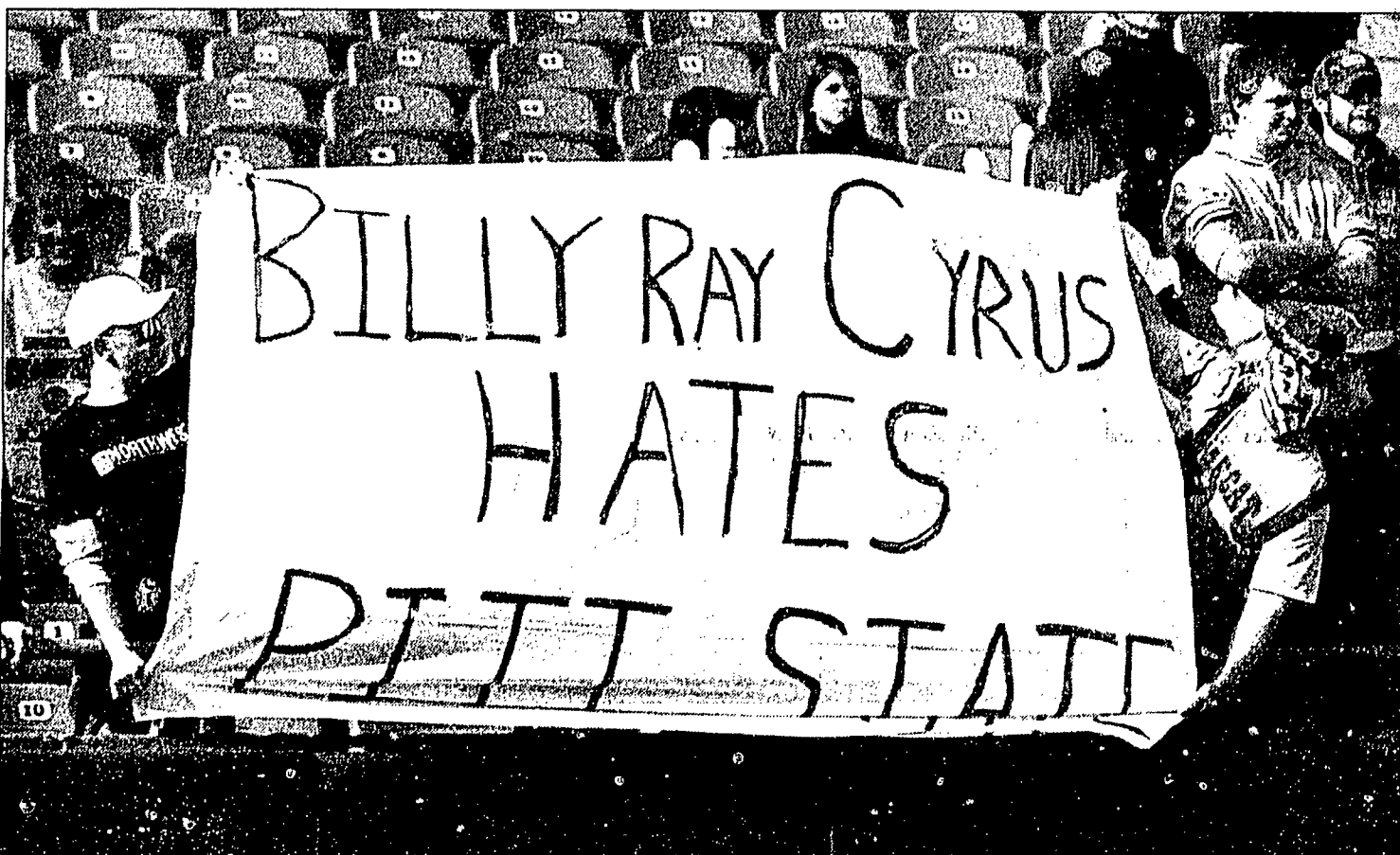
NORTHWEST DEFEATED Pittsburg State, 41-14 in last year's Fall classic. Northwest won the first two games, before losing the next two, including a 21-17 loss in 2004 and a 56-35 loss in 2005.

only aspect that leaves an impression.

"I remember my first year and coming out of the tunnel," Peterson said. "I stepped on the field and





remember throwing a block for Xavier (Omon), and he had a 60-yard run for a touchdown. That feeling brings a certain rush through your blood."

NW FOOTBALL FANS

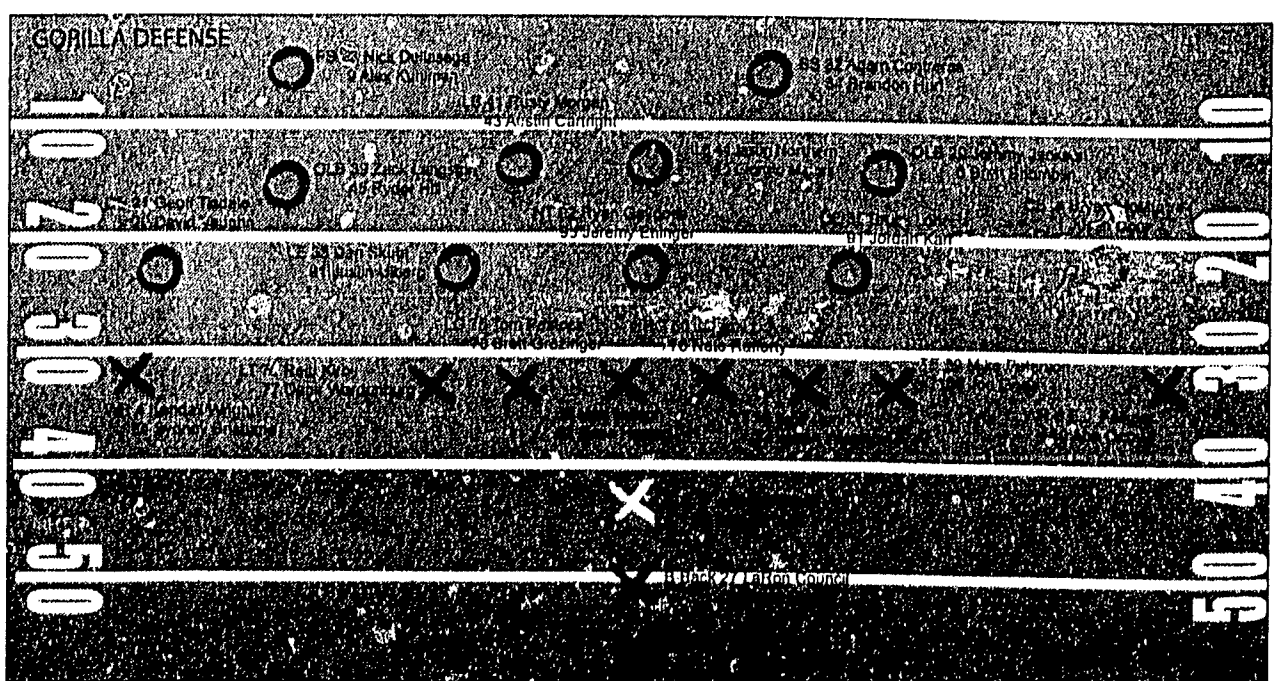
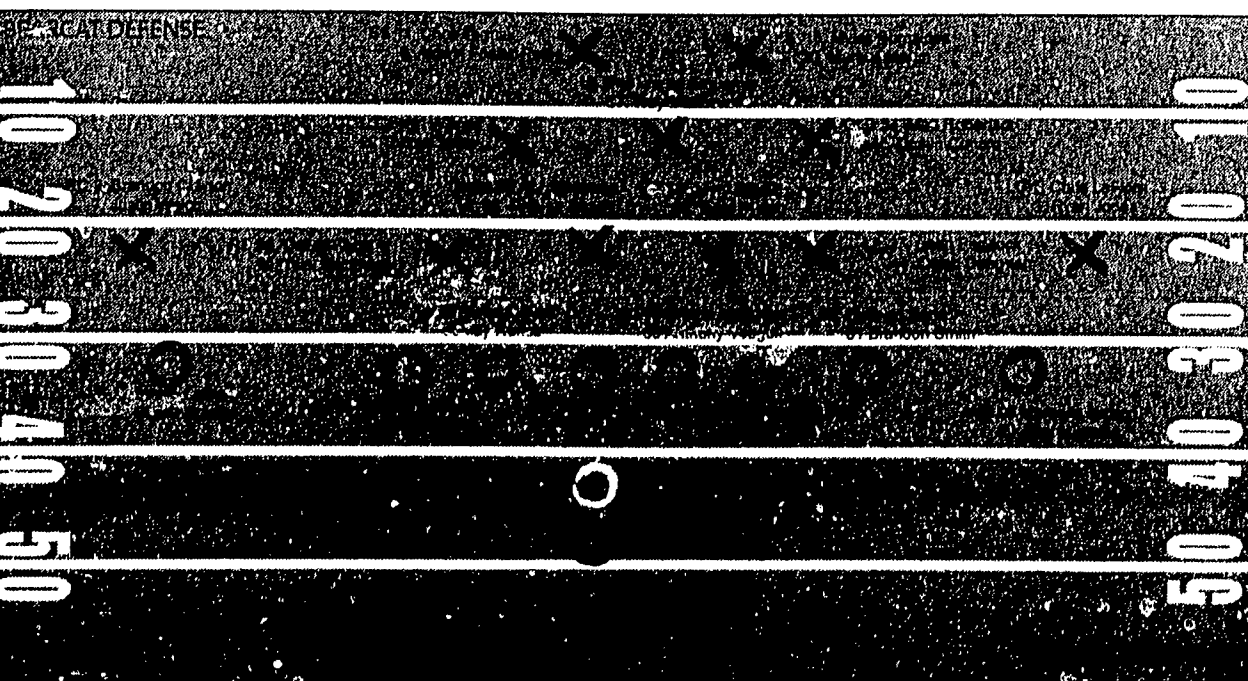


THE FALL CLASSIC brings out the best in the rivalry between Northwest and Pittsburg State as shown in this sign made by Northwest fans at last year's game.

## The cost of being a football fan

	Burger	Alcohol	Gas	Soft Drinks	Chips	Total
						
Amount	5 pounds	Two 24 packs	20 miles per gallon	Three 12 packs	3 bags	A lot of stuff
Bearcats	\$2.50 per pound	\$15.97 per pack	216 miles (round trip) \$2.69 per gallon	\$11	\$7.25	\$91.74
Gorillas	\$2.69 per pound	\$16.99 per pack	248 miles (round trip) \$2.78 per gallon	\$7.30	\$5	\$94.40

DEPTH CHARTS



VENUE DECISION

## Northwest-Pittsburg State likely to sign another 2-year contract

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — For the minority of people who would like to see the Northwest-Pittsburg State rivalry moved back to campus sites, they'll likely have to wait at least two more years.

The Fall Classic at Arrowhead's two-year contract expires this year, but another two-year deal is in the works.

While Northwest and Pitt State haven't renewed the contract with Arrowhead Stadium yet, both sides see no reason to end what has been the most profitable Division II regular season game for the past four years.

"There are some people that have said to us that Division II games should be played on a campus site and not on a professional stadium site," Northwest athletic director Bob Boerigter said. "We understand that, but at this particular point, the benefits far outweigh the people that, quite frankly, are making those arguments."

Many benefits come from having a rivalry game in an NFL stadium. Arrowhead's capacity allows thousands of additional Bearcat fans to see the team play and Kansas City's location (nearly equidistant from both campuses) allows for shorter travel for alumni and other supporters who've since left Maryville or Pittsburg, Kan.

But the profit from this event is perhaps the biggest reason for keeping the game at Arrowhead.

"We make money off this game, there's no question," Boerigter said. "Anytime that you put that number of fans in there, it's better than a home game in terms of what it can generate for us. In a particular year, we're able to net as much from our Arrowhead game as we do from our other games combined."

The Bearcats net \$25,000 to \$30,000 at home games, while the Fall Classic generates over \$100,000.

Pitt State's ratio is similar to its opponent's.

"It's a big event and both teams have been able to realize a nice profit from it, more than we would any other single

game," Pitt State coach and athletic director Chuck Broyles said. "We played Western at home and we were sold out on Tuesday and we (had about) 9,500 to 10,000 people and still we're charging at our place between \$7 and \$10, here you're charging \$20."

The three-way partnership between the Chiefs, Bearcats, and the Gorillas also helps the game by advertising. The fall classic is regularly promoted on KCHS.com, the team's Web site, and through the team's mailing list.

It's also promoted during every Chiefs home game before the classic, but that hasn't been as effective this season as three of their first four games this season have been on the road.

"They (the Chiefs) help us in marketing the game," Boerigter said. "We really like to have the game later in the year because at every home Chiefs game, they advertise our game. There's only been one (this year)."

The unique element of having over 20,000 fans to a Division II game is perhaps the quintessential factor in ensuring this event continues well past six years.

It has great meaning for the greater fans of both Pitt State and Northwest because people come for more than just a football game," Boerigter said. "The people from outside of our region don't see how the game has become an event. Everybody comes back for that game, that kind of thing. It's become a second homecoming in that regard."

### Keep the Fall Classic at Arrowhead?

■ Fall Classic at Arrowhead's two-year contract expires this year.

■ Whether team has renewed its contract with Arrowhead Stadium.

■ Arrowhead accommodates thousands of fans from both sides, whereas campus relocation would significantly affect the number of fans allowed to attend.

■ Profits from hosting the rivalry at Arrowhead are among the highest recorded during the season. An average of \$100,000, as opposed to \$30,000 at home games.

■ Tie three-way partnership between the Chiefs, Bearcats and Gorillas allows for higher advertising revenue.

# AT ARROWHEAD

LIBERTY MUTUAL

## Liberty Mutual brings coach of the year tour to Fall Classic

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

To get a closer look at the greatest college football coaches in America, Liberty Mutual is touring the country.

On Saturday, they're coming to Arrowhead.

"The fans of Northwest and Pittsburg State were very ardent and vocal about the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award, and we expect them to be again this year," Liberty spokesman Glenn Greenberg said.

Liberty is bringing its "coach of the year cruiser" to Arrowhead Stadium for the Fall Classic to build excitement for their coach of the year award. The cruiser will include on-site voting for the award, photo opportunities and a fight song sing-along, which will be part of the

crews documented footage of the tour, Greenberg said.

Northwest's relationship with Liberty dates back to last season when Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma was a nominee for the award. Last year, Tjeerdsma faced off against Division IA coaches like Bob Stoops and Greg Schiano, the eventual winner.

"It involved our fans and the tremendous support that they provided in the fan voting, which was kind of overwhelming," Tjeerdsma said.

This year, things will be different. Liberty is giving out an award to a coach at each level, which means Tjeerdsma will only compete against Division II coaches.

"Oh, I think it's great for our school and our program, because it puts North-

west Missouri State University right there

in the forefront," Tjeerdsma said. Not only does the program give the school national attention, it also gives the winning coach \$50,000 to give to his various charitable endeavors, Greenberg said.

Charity work, high graduation rates and general success, on and off the field, are requirements for nomination, Greenberg said.

"This year we've expanded Liberty Mutual coach of the year to four coaches really as a way to broaden our message of respectable coaching," Greenberg said.

Right now, Tjeerdsma sits atop the Division II standings after his top 10 finish last year.

"To be in the top 10 was quite an honor," Tjeerdsma said. "To me that was a tribute to our fans and our alumni who faithfully voted every day."

NW FOOTBALL



(LEFT TO RIGHT) BRANT GREGG, Evan Wilmes, Matt Nelson, Offensive Coordinator Adam Dorrel, Sydney Brisbane, Myles Burnisides and Derek Garrett played for the Maryville Spoofhounds before becoming Bearcats.

## Local players living their dreams as Bearcats

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

The Northwest football team, like most college football teams, recruits athletes from across the country to compete for positions.

Its roster spans the country as players from California, Louisiana and Minnesota occupy scholarships.

But for six Bearcats, the transition from high school to college took virtually no adjustment as they are among the small percentage of college athletes who get to play for their hometown team.

Usually staying home to go to college means going to a community or junior college, but these six "townies" are fortunate enough to have a two-time Division II national champion in their backyard.

"Everybody who goes to Maryville, you come to the games while you're in high school," junior fullback Brant Gregg said. "After Fridays, you come here on Saturdays. That's just where everybody wants to play. You wouldn't want to go anywhere else."

With the 'Hound Pound and Bearcat Stadium less than a mile apart, Gregg, safety Myles Burnisides, center Matt Nelson, linebacker Evan Wilmes, wide receiver Sydney Brisbane and cornerback Derek Garrett did not have to think hard about where to attend school.

"It's your dream when you're a little kid," Burnisides said. "Some of these guys (players not from Maryville) have been here for five years, but we've been here a lot longer than that. This program means a lot to us."

Despite sporting two starters (Burnisides and Nelson), the local 'Cats readily admit they're not the most athletic group on the team. Instead, they have to earn their way by outworking their competition.

Maryville defensive coordinator Brian Lohafar believes that element is the quintessential factor in the ex-Spoofhounds' success on Saturdays.

"The one thing they (Northwest) know when they get a Maryville kid is his work ethic, especially in the weight room," Lohafar said. "I almost think they expect a Maryville kid to come out there and red-shirt, and it's just a routine they (Maryville's graduates) have come accustomed to."

"I think our kids realize they're not big Division II players. They have aspirations of playing at Northwest so they see success by the kids that have been there before. They worked hard, waited their turn and when they had their shot, they took full advantage of it. That's basically what Maryville

kids do."

Burnisides agreed with his former coach's assessment.

"That's what people think when they think of a townie," he said. "We're not the most God-given athletes, but we'll work our asses off more than anyone."

'Hounds with dreams

Five years ago, all of these 'Cats were working under Lohafar in Maryville's weight room, dreaming of their futures with the team down the street.

"These six were at the core of the 'Hounds' resurgence, leading them to three straight eight-or-nine-win seasons. Garrett, a senior, was an all-state performer in 2002, while Gregg rushed for 1,014 yards in his final high school season. Nelson, a junior, paved many holes for Gregg and Burnisides on his way to two all-state selections.

While the three upperclassmen's high school careers ended without playoff appearances, the younger trio's final season, 2004, was this decade's apex of Maryville football.

That squad went 9-1 and beat nemesis Platte County en route to a district championship. Once in the postseason, the current sophomores' run made it all the way to the state semifinals, where they lost 26-22 to Class 3 powerhouse Harrisonville.

"It seemed like everything was going well but it didn't end the way we wanted, but it was still a fun season," Wilmes said. Brisbane, Wilmes and Burnisides, who played linebacker in high school, were each all-state selections that season.

Trek across town

Despite the all-state recognition, this group, with the exception of Brisbane, who Division I Wyoming pursued, did not draw much interest from beyond the city limits.

Well one did, but he knew better.

"I had other choices like some other teams in the conference, but this is a powerful team right here in Maryville, so it seemed like the right choice," Garrett said. "Mo. West (Missouri Western) talked to me, but I'd probably get shamed from the town if I went there."

Nelson's options were even narrower as he was an offensive lineman under 6 feet tall, but the local team still sought him. He found the idea of taking an actual recruiting visit amusing.

"Coach T (Tjeerdsma) came over to my house and it snowed like two feet," Nelson said. "He drove over to my house and talked to me for a while and I came here on a visit. I didn't really have to come here on a visit. I was already going to come here."

Burnisides and Nelson's decisions paid

the quickest dividends as both are second-year starters. Burnisides received All-MIAA honorable mention and recorded 56 tackles at strong safety his freshman year despite starting only half the season. Both started in last year's national championship game.

Gregg scored five touchdowns in 2006, while Brisbane is the MIAA's special teams player of the week after his 54-yard punt return against Southwest Baptist.

While the spotlight generally shines the way of Xavier Omon and the rest of the highly touted skill players, Garrett believes having this many local guys on the team increases the community's support.

"They'll remember names and they'll want to come out and support those people they saw in high school," he said.

Wilmes feels their presence on Saturdays is vital, but in a different way.

"A lot of my friends from high school come out to Northwest and they're the drunkest, rowdiest ones there," he said. "I think that does create morale, especially on Saturdays. I don't know about fundraising but it's quite a bit louder because we're here."

Into the shoes of their heroes

Saturday, this group will play Pittsburg State at Arrowhead Stadium and stamp their mark on the sixth Fall Classic.

Filling the shoes of former Northwest athletes like Jamaica Rector and Brian Williams, whom they looked up to as kids, and getting to fill them in an NFL stadium is something Burnisides is grateful for.

"They're our role models when you're growing up in high school," he said. "You look up to the guys that are here and to be actually in a position where we play now here is a great opportunity."

Gregg, who scored a touchdown in last year's game, was taken back his first time on the field and appreciates the opportunity it gives the fans.

"Last year, out there on the field, to actually play for the first time in front of 20,000 and some people was amazing," he said. "It's just a chance for a lot of people who didn't get to come to the games every week to get to see you and the team and enjoy being a Bearcat."

Lohafar, who's seen each of the Fall Classics from the stands, gets caught up in the moment when he sees many former members of such a small school contributing on that big of a stage.

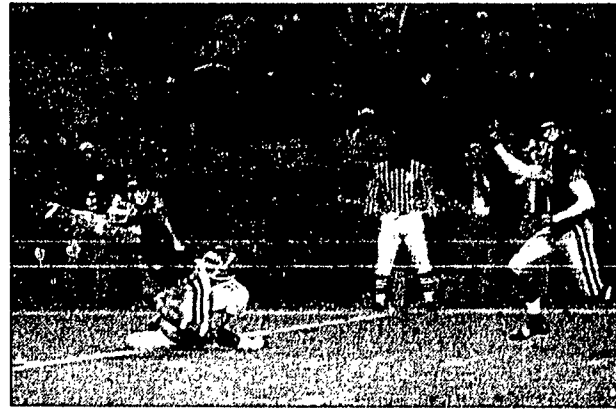
"It gives you chills to go down there and see those kids running out in a professional stadium and to see them play in front of that crowd," he said. "I know those kids. The one's who've played there have told me it's a memory they'll never forget."

# Looking back at the last 5 games at Arrowhead Stadium

Nov. 6, 2002

Northwest 29, Pittsburg State 7

The first game at Arrowhead Stadium, dubbed "Clash of the Champions," drew 26,695 fans, which was an NCAA Division II single-game attendance record at the time. Mitch Herring rushed for 109 yards and two touchdowns.



Nov. 15, 2003

Northwest 20, Pittsburg State 19

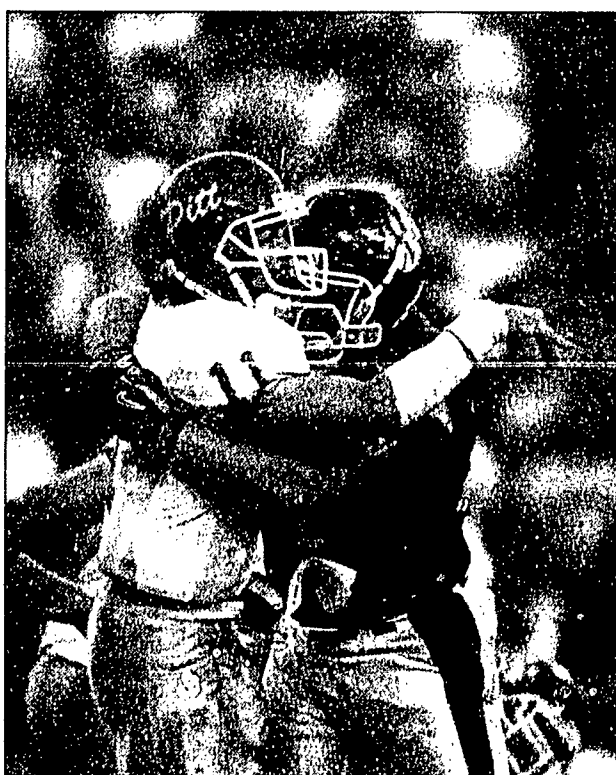
Northwest cornerback Tony Glover blocked Nathan Alleman's potential game-winning field goal with 55 seconds left, preserving Northwest's second straight victory in the Fall Classic. Germaine Race's 10-yard touchdown run on their previous possession brought Pittsburg State within one, but Alleman missed the extra point.



Nov. 6, 2004

Pittsburg State 21, Northwest 17

The third installment didn't go Northwest's way, but it was the first time in Division II history that the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation met in the regular season finale. Jeff Nictolicky, replacing an injured Josh Mathews, threw an interception in the end zone with 3:02 left in the game as the Gorillas secured the MIAA championship and later a berth in the national championship.



Oct. 29, 2005

Pittsburg State 56, Northwest 35

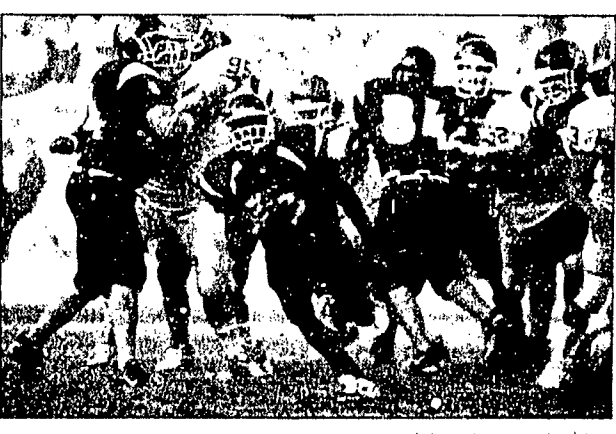
Most fans left Arrowhead Stadium when Northwest went into the half down 42-14. Germaine Race rushed for 180 yards and four touchdowns. Most believed Northwest's season was over. The Bearcats secured the final playoff spot in the Southwest region and went on to become the first team in playoff history to win four straight road games, including a 21-10 win at Pittsburg State, to reach the national championship.



Nov. 4, 2006

Northwest 41, Pittsburg State 14

Sheldon Cook, in for an injured Xavier Omon, torched the Gorilla defense for 172 yards and two touchdowns in his first career start. The Northwest defense held prolific rusher Germaine Race to 68 yards on 21 carries. Northwest went on win the MIAA championship and a second straight berth in the national championship.



## CLASSIC: Eyeing fourth straight win

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If Smith can't go,

Broyles said he's confident in quarterback Chadd Snyder, who passed for 139 yards, rushed for 120 yards and had three touchdowns — all in the second half.

For Northwest, fullback LaRon Council is a game-time decision as he recovers from a leg injury he sustained against Southwest Baptist. The injury is on the same right leg he broke last year against Central.

"We just don't know yet," Tjeerdsma said. "We'll know more in the next couple of days. You'll just have to wait and see."

Broyles won't be concerned if the Gorillas lose Saturday, but said the 38-31 double overtime win over Central helped their position in the MIAA race with their next two games on the road against Truman State and Southwest Baptist.

"It makes us feel better about ourselves for the fact that we're not 0-2 in the conference looking at going 0-3," Broyles said. "If we lose this game Saturday, it's not the end of the world. Our sched-



XAVIER OMON FOLLOWS fullback Brant Gregg during one of his 14 carries during the win over Southwest Baptist. After putting up 142 points in the last two games, the Bearcat offense looks to continue that trend Saturday against Pittsburg State.

ule gets somewhat easier the rest of the way."

Omon said he doesn't pay attention to stats and is not licking his chops for Saturday's game or taking anything for granted against the Gorillas.

"Some teams show up better against other teams. Just depends on the game," Omon said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to run all over them. We're more than just running the ball. We've got guys like Kendall Wright who can make plays."



# Bye Southwest Baptist, nice knowing you

Oh, Southwest Baptist. You fooled us. You told us that you had an offense. You told us that you had competed in every game this year. You told us that you weren't the same Southwest Baptist.



Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

I went into the Baptist game with the idea that Northwest might come out flat, and that Baptist might be able to capitalize. "Maybe," I said to myself, "Baptist could keep it interesting."

In a way they did. They kept the statisticians interested as they took off their shoes and socks to keep track of touchdowns. They kept the freshman football players interested with playing time, and they kept Bobby the Bearcat interested with 677 pushups that he didn't give him thoughts of quitting his job.

But how did Baptist keep itself interested? How do you keep the team fired up down 56-6 at halftime? I have to applaud the purple Bearcats. Not because they played well—they didn't. In fact, I haven't seen a beating like that in my life. I have to applaud Baptist for two reasons: 1) Showing up in the second half. If I were I would have snuck onto the bus and headed home. 2) Having the courage to leave a conference they know they don't belong in.

This is Baptist's last year in the MIAA. They have decided to play an independent schedule next season. Through coach Mel Tjeerdema says he'll try to keep Baptist on the schedule, I hope Northwest doesn't. It does neither team any good.

Baptist is 8-43 in the MIAA since 2002. Most of those wins came against Missouri Southern and Missouri-Rolla. Missouri Southern is getting better and beat Baptist this year, and Missouri-Rolla isn't in the conference anymore. That means wins will be tough to come by for the purple Bearcats.

They need to play teams they can compete with and beat. Northwest needs to play teams it can learn from, because it's tough to learn from an 86-13 rout.

The one thing people can learn from the Bearcat on Bearcat beat down is that Northwest doesn't come out flat. In their last three games, the Cats have scored at least 21 points in the first quarters—scoring 21 points against Missouri Western and Truman, and 36 points against Baptist.

Part of the 86 points put up by Northwest came from Maryville High School graduates Myles Burnside and Syd Brisbane. That's right, Maryville High School's 2004 team matched Baptist touchdown for touchdown, and if you count the extra points, the twines won the game 14-13.

I don't know what a team does after a 73-point loss, but the one thing Baptist can take from the game is an appreciation of how good next year will be when they may be able to get away from comparison to high school teams.

## POWER RANKINGS

### MIAA

Team		
1. Northwest	3-1	Expect repeat of last year's Fall Classic
2. Washburn	3-2	Facing a resurgent Missouri Southern squad
3. Pittsburg State	4-1	Defense must control Omaha to stay in game
4. Central Missouri	3-2	Expect easy win at Emporia State
5. Missouri Western	3-2	Need a win at Fort Hays to get back on track
6. Missouri Southern	4-1	Rebounded nicely from dismal performance at SBU
7. Truman State	3-2	Truman could put up 60 or more points at SBU
8. Fort Hays State	3-2	Playing a determined Western team
9. Emporia State	3-2	Rushers will run into a wall against UCM
10. Southwest Baptist	0-5	Maryville high could put up 30 or more points

#### Results Last Week

1. Northwest beat Southwest Baptist	86-13
2. Washburn beat Missouri Western	31-24
3. Pittsburg State beat Central Missouri	38-31
4. Central Missouri lost to Pitt	31-38
5. Missouri Western lost to Washburn	24-31
6. Missouri Southern beat Emporia	42-19
7. Truman State beat Fort Hays State	20-11
8. Fort Hays State lost to Truman	11-26
9. Emporia State lost to Southern	19-42
10. Baptist lost to Northwest	13-86

## SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

**Scott's picks**  
**Prediction Record (9-3)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Virginia Tech at Clemson — Clemson  
Clemson disappointed me last week losing on the road to an up-and-down Georgia Tech team. But Virginia Tech's offensive production looks more like Southwest Baptist's offense than a top notch team in Division I. Look for this game to be low scoring, but I have a feeling the Tigers are going to pull this one out over the Hokies.

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Georgia at Tennessee — Georgia  
I was impressed with the way Georgia won in overtime two weeks ago at a hostile environment in Alabama. Even after almost giving away the game, they found a way to pull it out in overtime.

**NFL Lock**  
Atlanta at Tennessee — Tennessee  
Atlanta got its season's first victory, but they won't get many more. Joey Harrington cannot compete with Vince Young and the improved Titans. Don't expect much from the Falcons in this one as Young runs and passes all day over the Atlanta defense.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
Chicago at Green Bay — Chicago  
Brian Griese came in last week and made everyone forget about Rex Grossman. Well, at least that was the plan. I'm basing this pick solely on the fact that Brett Favre is due for one of his patented four interception games, and the fact that the Packers cannot keep winning without a running game.

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### MEC

Team		
1. Platte County	5-0	Await Maryville for MEC title showdown
2. Maryville	5-0	Class 2 team gets its chance to play for a title
3. Chillicothe	3-2	Pounded Savannah, will be a factor in district play
4. Cameron	1-4	Much better than this record shows, played Maryville close
5. Lafayette	2-2	After losing 15 straight, the Irish have now won two in a row
6. Benton	0-4	Underachieving thus far, running out of time
7. Smithville	2-2	Only wins have come to non-conference cupcakes
8. Savannah	1-4	Should consider joining Interscholastic league in '08

#### Result last week

1. Platte County beat Benton	44-21
2. Maryville beat Cameron	34-31
3. Chillicothe beat Savannah	45-7
4. Cameron lost to Maryville	31-34
5. Lafayette beat Smithville	27-24
6. Benton lost to Platte County	21-44
7. Smithville lost to Lafayette	24-27
8. Savannah lost to Chillicothe	7-45

**Sam's picks**  
**Prediction Record (4-8)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Kansas at Kansas St. — K-State  
You probably shouldn't listen to me as my record is below abysmal, but Josh Freeman beat the Wildcats as far better than Mark I'm far too obese to be a functional human, let alone a coach's Mangino's KU squad. KU is one of two 4-0 teams not ranked, but when you look at their schedule, there's a reason. I despise Kansas and am delighted this pick was still on the board as this game will help me in morale, as well as in the standings.

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Wisconsin at Illinois — Wisconsin  
The Badgers have given up 30 or more points against two awful teams: Citadel, Michigan State. Illinois is coming off an emotional win against Penn State. Their emergence in the Big Ten continues this weekend. Hard to imagine the No. 5 team in the nation is a 2-12 point dog, but it is what it is. Either that, or Ron Zook is paying off the boys in Vegas. Smart money is on the Badgers.

**NFL Lock**  
Seattle at Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh  
Seattle has an imposing defense, which will give the Steelers trouble. Pittsburgh is coming off an embarrassing loss in the desert. Big Ben gets it together as the Steelers pulverize the Seahawks. Pittsburgh's defense needs to take it up a notch.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
San Diego at Denver — San Diego  
San Diego is horrible. Denver is horrible. So the winner of this game will be less horrible. Rivers needs to quit making San Diego regret their decision to let go of Drew Brees. LG needs to step up and the Chargers need to give him the rock in the second half this time. Jay Cutler has made a lot of bad decisions early in the season.

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## WHAT TO WATCH

### Scott's TV picks

**Friday**  
Los Angeles Angels at Boston Red Sox, 7:30 p.m. TBS — This has the potential to be the best divisional series. The Angels and Red Sox match up well with excellent pitching and hitting. This starts off the best sports weekend of the fall.

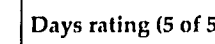
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### Saturday

Florida at LSU, 7 p.m. CBS — Unfortunately the Gators didn't live up to their bargain in making this one of the most hyped games in recent memory. Florida will be ready for this on the road, and Les Miles always seems to have trouble in at least one game a season with the most talented players in America. Expect this to be one of the year's best games.

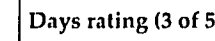
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### Sunday

Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, 3:05 FOX — This is an interesting game because I'm anxious to see if the resurgent Buccaneers came complete against the chiefs.

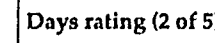
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### Marc's TV Picks

**Friday**  
Maryville Speedhounds at Platte County, 7 p.m. — Make the trip to Platte County to see this match-up. I know it's not on TV, but you'll just have to enjoy the amazing high school football atmosphere that Platte County provides.

### Days rating (2 of 5)



### Saturday

Oklahoma vs. Texas, 2:30 p.m. ABC — This could be the best day in college football, and it features my favorite game of the year. Tune in for big hits from the Red River Shootout.

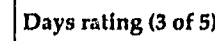
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### Sunday

San Diego at Denver, 3:15 p.m. CBS — Watch Norv Turner attempt to stanch defeat from the jaws of victory.

### Days rating (3 of 5)



### Sam's TV Picks

**Friday**  
Yankees at Indians, 4 p.m. TBS — Worth it to watch the Yankees, who will get beaten, face Indians' stud No. 2 man, Fausto Carmona. That is, if you can't get to the Maryville-Platte County game.

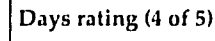
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### Saturday

No. 25 Nebraska at No. 17 Missouri, 8:15 p.m. ESPN — After you sober up from the Northwest game, check out a Big 12 North rivalry that could decide the division.

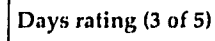
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### Sunday

Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon FOX — Big game with two teams that will be a factor come December. Will be a great game, probably the best of the day.

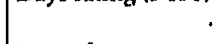
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### Brett's TV picks

**Friday**  
Utah at Louisville 7 p.m., ESPN — If you don't have a car to venture to Platte County, or if your television doesn't get TBS as a channel, then you might want to tune into this one. Expect some offensive fireworks.

### Days rating (3 of 5)



### Saturday

Arizona Diamondbacks at Chicago Cubs, 5 p.m., TBS — Crucial Game 3 in the National League Division Series as Livan Hernandez takes on Rich Hill.

### Days rating (3 of 5)



### Sunday

Jacksonville at Kansas City, noon CBS — Kansas City shocked the football world at San Diego. Now, they return to a jam packed Arrowhead Stadium. It should be a defensively charged game.

### Days rating (3 of 5)



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# AT YOUR LEISURE

## HOROSCOPES

### Today's Birthday (10-4-07)

You'll have more social responsibilities this year. The group looks to you for leadership and you look to them for support. It works.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — It's going to be even harder to keep a secret now. You're so full of enthusiasm you want to let the world. Not good. Limit your confidants.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — Take care of a few household chores now, before they get out of hand. This is not going to be awful, it could even be fun.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 9 — You're still in a position to make a major sale, or whatever it is you do to score money. Imagine dollar bills floating your way.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 — It's good to know what the others think, even if you don't agree. Don't react emotionally if at all possible. Listen and take notes, and present your rebuttal later.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — You hold yourself to high standards and that is a good thing. Don't scold yourself, though. That tends to distract you from what's waiting where you're going.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 — You've been having sweet dreams lately. Some of them could turn into wonderful parts of your real life. Planning is required, and this will be fun.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 — A difficult situation is about to resolve itself. You and your friends will laugh about this, possibly as soon as tonight.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — Part of the planning process is figuring out what won't work. That's very easy now. Don't let yourself get discouraged. You will find a way.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — Resources may be a little tight, but that won't be a problem. You can slide past the few difficulties and achieve your goal.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 — The next phase involves money, both yours and other people's. You can get what you need, but don't pay too much for it.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 — It's easier to make time for yourself, thank heaven. Also thank the person who came to your rescue. A true friend is revealed.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 — It's possible you can get someone else to take care of your bookkeeping chores. Be really careful if you do. It pays you to know what you have and what you owe.

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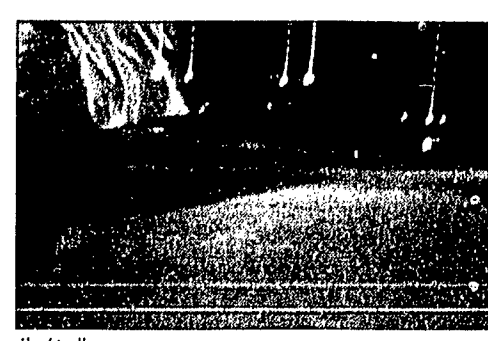
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## STROLLER

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"Yeah, well, what's that smell?" curious young high schooler asks.

"Oh, that's nothing," the tour guide nervously lies.

"Really, cuz it smells like a huge pile of Fred Durst," curious young high schooler says. "And there's a dog over there taking a Vin Diesel by the naked guy."

I don't want to go to a school covered in crap, and I sure as hell don't want my son going to a school covered in crap.

I love this school and everything in it. So please, dogs, stop crapping on my school, and stop crapping on my heart.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

That has to be amazing for the tour

## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Knocked Up' impresses crude comedy lovers

By Jeremy Werner  
Missourian Reporter

For those who saw 2005's "The 40 Year Old Virgin" and the recently released "Super-Dead," you might want to consider picking up a copy of "Knocked Up." If you haven't seen any of these films you might want to think about it, because Judd Apatow, the director, writer, and sometimes producer is rising to fame and glory in Hollywood. Over the summer "Knocked Up" was released and attained critical and financial success, which is strange because the basic premise of this story is basically about a guy knocking a girl up, hence the title.

I know some people wouldn't want to see this movie just because someone actually made a movie about a girl being knocked up. I had the same feelings when I first saw this movie in the summer and I also had the same feelings for "40 Year Old Virgin." Apatow has this way of making a sweet immature film full of sex jokes, drugs and anything else.

The movie itself is a real idea and isn't a made up idea or poorly stretched out comedy idea. Apatow wrote the comedic side to one night of drunken passion turning into nine months of hell.

The movie follows two completely different people. Ben Stone (Seth Rogen), a stoner who has no job outside of watching films with his pals to make a porn site about how far in a movie you have to watch to see nude actresses and Alison Scott (Katherine Heigl), who lives with her sister, works for E! Entertainment, and occasionally goes to the club with her sister. Ben doesn't mind how he lives, in fact, he plans to live off a few hundred dollars for a few years sitting around, smoking pot and having fun. Alison hopes for a brighter future that involves being live on air on E! and interviewing top celebrities. What men don't idolize to be lazy and have fun in life? What women don't aspire for something greater?

These two people end up crossing paths at a club. They make small talk at the bar and Ben buys Alison beers and lets her walk off among the loud music and flashing lights. Soon after Ben is being talked into going after her and hoping to get laid. Ben is not a smooth talker, but makes a few small cracks and with a few drinks and more to come, Alison is ready to take him home. They go back to Alison's where Ben has trouble putting on his rubber.

In the heat of the moment and possibly

in the daze of alcohol, Ben forgets the rubber. Yes, this is a simple idea, but the over two-hour film is able to fill the time with characters and their problems and flaws.

Throughout the film male characters discuss how women could actually like them. Ben considers himself disgusting to the eyes and repulsive to the ears, but finds solace in Alison. He even wonders how anyone like Alison, beautiful and intelligent, could love someone like him. Alison feels the baby she will have might thwart her chances of furthering her time with E! She's worried she made a horrible mistake, especially the day after, but as the months pass she warms up to Ben.

All this is very subtle and is covered with talk about sexual positions with a bong during a fight between the two and when Ben worries he might be hurting the baby with his penis during sex.

The usual DVD extras include a hilarious commentary featuring Apatow and Rogen. Listening to them talk to each other is like listening to a couple of high school pals.

The deleted and extended scenes mostly involve tamer or lazier jokes. You might wonder why they had to take these scenes out or maybe even shorten them because some of the scenes were still clever or funny. Leaving the scenes would have probably topped the running time of this film up to two and a half hours, which for a comedy is over the top.

There's a gag reel is self-explanatory, actors screwing up lines and everyone set laughing. A "Line-O-Rama" is a reel of rapid paced lines said in the same scene, but was most likely not used because they were ad-libbed or some other reason. It was a bit confused by it and only found it noteworthy for some of its quotes.

Other than that some of the extras feel like filler, but if you're a huge fan of Apatow and his work, you might want to get the two-disc collector's edition (even though one day that collector's edition will be obsolete). If you're looking for a good comedy to add to your collection, just stick with the regular uncut DVD.

**Jeremy Werner gives 'Knocked Up' 4 out of 5 popcorns**

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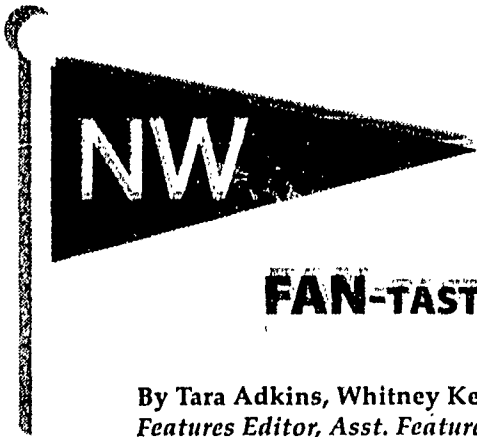
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26 Afternoon social  
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70 50/50 test choice  
71 Dueling swords  
72 Dispatched  
73 Cobra's cousins

**DOWN**  
1 Use Brillo  
2 Common sense author  
3 Up and about  
4 Part of FSU  
5 Goes hungry  
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## TAILGATING, BEARCAT STYLE

Follow these quick tailgating tips to survive your Northwest vs. Pittsburg State game experience at Arrowhead Stadium.



### FAN-TASTIC WAYS TO SHOW YOUR PRIDE

By Tara Adkins, Whitney Keyes  
Features Editor, Asst. Features Editor

**Beat the clock.** You won't want to miss a minute of the tailgating experience. As a true fan, you can party and cheer on your team for hours, so get there early. Experienced fans recommend three to four hours before kick-off.

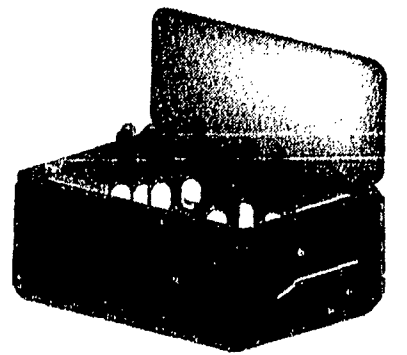
**Show some spirit.** Of course, the most important way to be a fan is to wear your Bearcat gear. A Northwest green shirt is always key. Those of you who can wear all Bearcat wear, go for it. Deck yourself out in Bearcat shirts, hoodies, pants—if you got it flaunt it. Remember, we see green, and so should the other team.

**Rock your body.** Sometimes all your spirit can't fit onto a T-shirt. Body painting is a crowd-pleaser (and you might get on TV) Grab some friends and paint away. Be careful though, a poorly painted body will make you look silly, not spirited.

**Get your game face on.** You can paint paws, draw lines under your eyes or use tattoos. Any way you do it, your face is a major way to support your team. Just don't get a bad suntan line in the shape of a paw.

**Mark your territory.** Decorate your space with posters, cutouts, flags or pennants. Your car is one of the most influential tools you have in showing your spirit. It shows everyone on the road who you support, and all the others in the parking lot. A tall flag will help others find you, and show that you love your team. The more team spirit in the air, the better.

**Know your lines.** Tailgating is the perfect place to practice your cheers. Use the time to pump up and get ready for the game. Get the "Hoo-Ha" cheer down, and if you're feeling like an over-achiever, learn the school fight song.



### PREGAME PASS-TIME

**Pump up the volume.** Rock out by bringing a stereo, iPod and speakers or a small generator to keep your car's stereo system going up until the game. Here are a few song selections to get your team spirit pumped up:

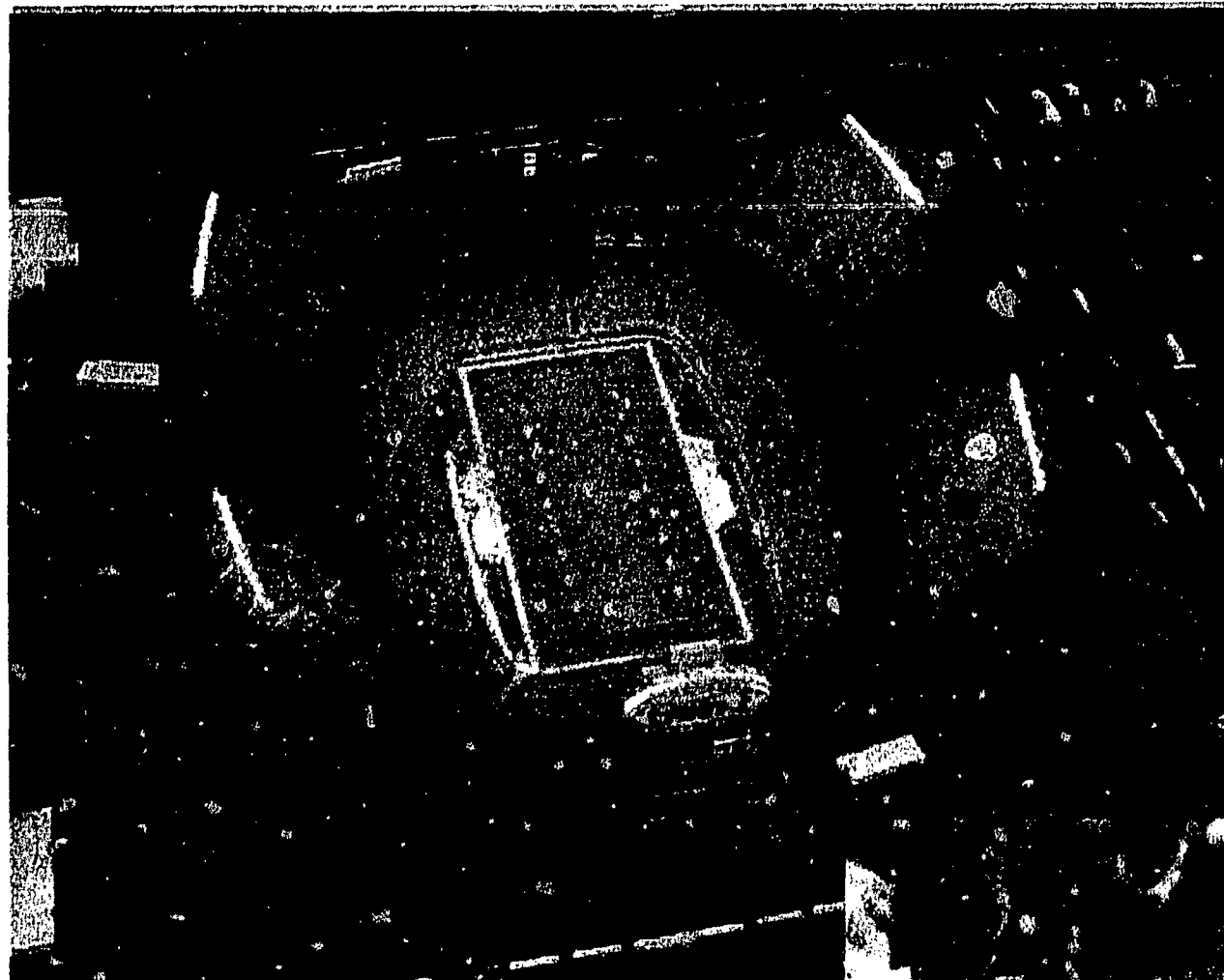
"Shook Me All Night Long," by ACDC.  
"Fortunate Son," by Creedence Clearwater Revival.  
"(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," by The Rolling Stones.  
"Take it Easy," by The Eagles.  
"We Are The Champions," by Queen.

**Play by play.** Toss the football or Frisbee around for a pregame of catch or pack a deck of cards to play games. Make a custom washers board that will make surrounding tailgaters jealous. Throw in a couple ping pong balls, plastic cups and a portable table, and you've got yourself a crowd-pleasing, pastime game.

**Take a seat.** Standing for three to four hours can be tough toward the final moments before the game. Bring a chair, but only for yourself. Chairs take up a lot of car room so let those who want to sit bring their own.

**Meet and mingle.** You will not be alone. Take a parking lot trot to reach out to fellow tailgaters. Discuss the game and trash the competition. Share food, drinks and team spirit to make your own homemade rally.

**Take a picture, it'll last longer.** By taking picture you'll not only remember your good time tailgating, but also be able to show the world your team spirit. Let others learn from the master the best way to tailgate by creating an album on Facebook.



NORTHWEST'S FALL Classic VI at Arrowhead, will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 in Kansas City.



BE A FAN. Most importantly, cheer on the Bearcats. Wear your Northwest apparel and be prepared to cheer on our 'Cats.

### GAMETIME GRUB

**Simplicity is best.** Everyone loves either hot dogs or hamburgers. Remember you have to clean up everything you bring, so keep it easy. But bring plenty for those tailgater moochers.

**Fire it up.** You'll have to turn up the heat to eat. Bring a portable charcoal grill with briquettes, matches and extra water to douse the embers once it's game time.

**Countdown till chow down.** Have food ready one to two hours before the game. You'll have to leave plenty of time to eat and clean up.

**Gear up.** Don't forget the necessities. Bring the utensils, plates, cups and napkins. Alcohol, food and fun equals a spill, so be prepared to clean up.

**Keep it on the rocks.** The weather in Kansas City is always unpredictable. Be prepared and pack your coolers with extra ice. Freeze bottled water for convenient ice packs. Cook meat in advance and freeze to have a quick, easy meal on game day.

**Chug a lug.** One item tops the list when thinking of tailgating. Booze. If you're fortunate enough to have reached the ripe age of 21, bring plenty of beer to last you and your crowd three hours before the game. Pack a few bottle of water for those who let the alcohol get the best of them in the early, pregame hours.

**It's all in the details.** Don't forget the small stuff, too. Bring lighter fluid, hand sanitizer, aluminum foil, condiments, buns, etc. You'll be happy you had them once there.



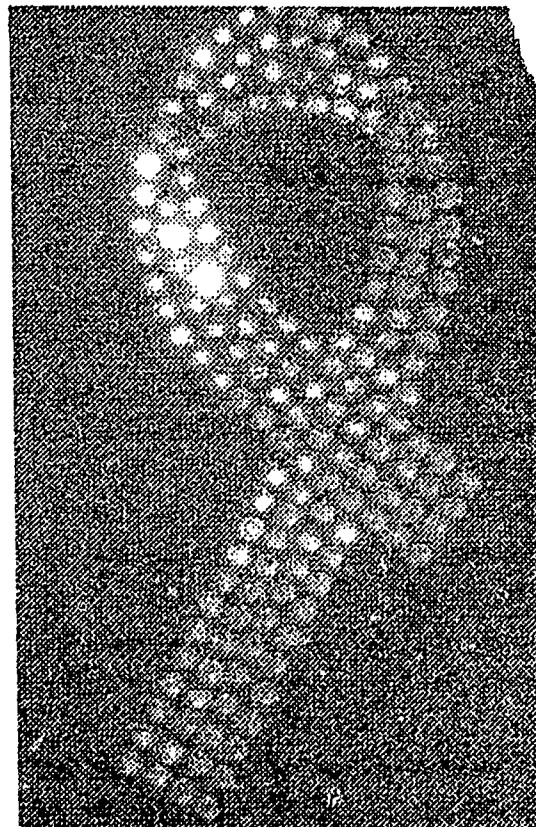
### Let's Get Ready to Rumble

Use this checklist as you prepare for gameday.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries            | <input type="checkbox"/> Utensils           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football/Frisbee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Condiments         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stereo               | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum foil      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra ice and water  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighter/matches    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate dress    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighter fluid      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Décor for your space | <input type="checkbox"/> Grill and charcoal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coolers              | <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs             |



# Pink Out



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